I. WELCOME, 15 mins.
Plan one to two icebreakers for the purpose of mixing around and getting group participation or getting acquainted.

II. WORSHIP, 20 mins.
Prayerfully choose a few songs to lead people into God’s presence. During this time, cell leaders will encourage cell members to listen to the Holy Spirit and release the words of strengthening, encouragement, and comfort they have received for the cell group, the church and nations. Upon each word shared, the cell leader will lead members by thanking and praising God for His promise and/or praying aloud together for the needs, etc.

During this time, the cell leader will also lead the group to pray aloud for: (1) the mission organization or daughter church that the cell group adopts (2) the church ministry needs (3) blessings for new comers, the sick.

A. MISSION ORGANIZATION: ____________, their needs: ______________ 
(Please contact the church if you don’t know the needs of the mission organization.)

B. CHURCH MINISTRY:
- Mothers Day Special Sunday 5/12
- Baptism Class on 5/19 & 5/26

C. New comer: _______________ Identify new comers before cell meeting.
   Sick members, friends or relatives: ___________________ Discuss how to show our cares.

III. WORD, 45 mins.
A. Sharing from last Sunday’s message.
   1. What is the key message from last Sunday sermon? How God talks to you through the message?
   2. How would you respond to the message? What action will you take after listening to the message?

B. Discussion Topic: 2 Timothy 4:1-22 – Preach the Word; Influence the Generation

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 4:2 (Please read Bible verses in turns)
Memorizing Verse: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. (2 Timothy 4:2 NIV)

We have now reached the last chapter of 2Timothy. Paul knew it wasn’t too long before he left the world: he earnestly and instructively advised Timothy to preach God’s Word. Disregard what others think, try different ways to always correct, rebuke and encourage people. Fulfill anything that a preacher should do. In the presence of God, he tried to pass on the commands to Timothy, and likewise, to all Christians. We should all faithfully preach God’s Word to influence the generation like what Paul did.

1. We should all faithfully preach God’s Word. (4:1-5):
   1. Treat Paul’s advice seriously (4:1): 1) In the presence of God; 2) In the presence of Christ who will judge the living and the dead; 3) In view of his appearing and his kingdom, Paul ardently gave us his charge.

2. Know the urgency and purpose of preaching God’s Word:
   a. Preach the Word any time:
      We should always try to preach God’s Word anywhere, in any circumstance, to anyone. With great patience, we spread out gospel according to each person’s need. Keep our head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of our ministry. (4:2a, 5)

   b. Benefit others: Reprove, so that people would understand their mistakes; rebuke, so that people would be alert; exhort, so that people may repent. (4:2b)
      The integrity of truth should be taught without compromise. Although we care with love and try to satisfy other’s needs, when needed, we may need to reproach, so that people know their mistake and may turn back to the right path. We should also be very alert in spirit, so that when someone is in trial or in danger, we may give them discreet advice. Make sure that we use comforting and encouraging language to strengthen them.

3. Why should we preach God’s Word:
   The prevailing communication media may be beneficial. When it comes to catching the audience’s attention, it almost becomes inevitable for them to take provocative or violent approaches. The audience’s desires may be met, yet ears are turned aside to become used to myth and
exaggerating languages. Truth sounds bored. Gospel gets refused. That’s why it is crucial to win over the arena of media so that we may influence people and have them accept the preaching of gospel.

2. **Rewarded for preaching God’s Word** (4: 6-8):
   1. **Fight the good fight**: Paul described himself to be a good soldier in Christ and fought in a battlefield (2 Ti 2:4). He is devoted to protest the truth and fights a good fight.
   2. **Finish the Race**: He also allegorized himself as an athlete who followed all the rules, done his very best to complete the whole race.
   3. **Keep the Faith**: Paul preaches gospel by using the mind-set of a loyal butler. Although he experienced great hardship and difficulty, he did not turn back, and was not discouraged. He only had one goal, that is, keeping the faith of what he believed and accomplishing what he’s entrusted by Jesus Christ. He preached the gospel to the end of the earth and had become an influence for generations to come.
   4. **In Store for me the crown of righteousness**: Paul spent more than 30 years in preaching gospel. He paid his due and truly believed he would receive the glory from God at the Day of Judgment and receive the crown of righteousness. He encouraged all Christians to all work on this goal because this crown is prepared for he who loves God.

3. **Final advise and blessing (4:9-22):**

   These are the things Paul has not had enough time to complete, or things to be done. Paul delegated a to-do list, ask things he needed: parchments, books and a cloak. He told Timothy about his current situation. Paul believes, although there won’t be long before he left the world, God will definitely bring his soul into the Heaven kingdom. Finally, Paul greets to all the members in church.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Whose responsibility is it to preach God’s Word? Is it the preacher’s responsibility or all Christians’? Why?
2. What is the biggest obstacle you feel to preach? What can you do to overcome it?
3. What can you do to prepare yourself in your career place, wisely spread out God’s Word?
4. Why do you think Paul used those 3 examples to describe his ministry? Are these examples making sense to you? (4: 6-8)
5. What is the impact Paul brought to the generations to come? What can we do to also have an impact to our generation?

**Prayer:**

*Dear Jesus, we thank you and we praise you! We know we only have a short life. Please lead us, starting from today, to take action courageously. We know that you have a victorious plan in everyone’s life. Help us to live out your pre-destined life so that we may accomplish everything that you’ve entrusted us. Thank you Lord, in Jesus name. Amen!*

**IV. WORK (Pray for each other), 10 mins.**

Please break into group of 2 or 3 to pray for each other’s needs.