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:
- 05/19 & 5/26 Baptist Class @ 2:00-5:00PM
- 06/09 Water Baptism @ 1:30PM
- 06/15 Men’s Breakfast with Pastor Cheng @ 9:00-11:00 AM
- 07/20 BBQ Outreach

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: True followers of Jesus

| Scriptures: Mark 3:7-35 NIV (Please take turns to read God’s words) |
| Memorizing Verse: “Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.” (Mark 3:13-15 NIV) |

Even though Jesus did many miracles to serve the crowd with authority, no one repented. What is worse, it resulted in the resistance from the Pharisees, who conspired to kill Jesus. But Jesus still went around spreading the Gospel. After he delivered the Sermon on the Mount, he came to the lake of Galilee. At that time, many people came from across the Palestine to follow him (Mark 3:7-12). Jesus was so busy healing them that he was not able to eat. His family thought he was out of his mind. What the crowd wanted was to see the miracles and get healed. However, who Jesus wanted were neither the crowds that were after miracles aimlessly, nor his family, but a group of disciples that Jesus chose personally, so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.

I. Jesus personally chose twelve apostles (NIV Mark 3:13-19)
   (1) Personally chosen by Jesus: Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those “he wanted” (3:13). Jesus did not choose them randomly. The choice was not made until after a nightlong prayer (Luke 6:12).
   (2) So that they might be with him: All Jesus asked the apostles to do was to be with him, observe him, and follow his example. They had to learn about the culture of God’s Kingdom, and receive the authority to do what Jesus did: to preach, to heal and to drive out demons.
   (3) So that they might be with each other: The apostles were a group of people of different backgrounds, characters and shortcomings. But Jesus saw their future, and changed their names, so that they could overcome the
sufferings and challenges and become what Jesus wanted them to be. As
followers of Jesus, we also need to go through the transformation by Jesus, and
become his true disciples for him to use.

II. Those who followed Jesus with different agendas (NIV Mark 3:20-30)
(1) The crowd that wanted to be healed: Those with diseases were pushing
forward to touch him (3:10), so as to get healed. Jesus was so busy
serving the crowd that he was not able to eat.

(2) Those who were against Jesus:
   a) Those out of good will: Jesus’ family thought he was out of his mind,
      because he was serving the crowd selflessly (3:21).
   b) Those who attacked him maliciously: The teachers of the law who
      came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul!” (to
      attack Jesus’ character) and said, “By the prince of demons he is
driving out demons.” (to attack Jesus’ ministry) (3:22)

(3) Jesus’ response: a) Jesus was not possessed by the evil spirit. Rather, he was
   filled with the Holy Spirit. If someone knowingly denies the work of the Holy
   Spirit, refuses to be forgiven by Him, and attacks the His work, he is
   blaspheming against the Holy Spirit and will never be forgiven. b) Had Jesus
   driven out demons by the power of Beelzebul, the demons would have opposed
   themselves, and their end would have come. (3:23-30)

III. True followers of Jesus (NIV Mark 3:31:35) “Who are my mother and
my brothers?” he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around
him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does
God’s will is my brother and sister and mother?” (Mark 3:33-35)
Who were the true followers of Jesus? Not his family, for they were
against his ministry; Not the crowd, for they just wanted something from
Jesus; Not the Pharisees and teachers of the law, either, for they were
attacking and resisting Jesus. His followers were a group of weak and
imperfect people, who just gave up everything to follow him. These
people were personally chosen by Jesus to be his unconditional and
willing followers, so that they might be with him all the time, and taught
by him, so that they might obey God’s will. These people are the true
followers of Jesus. Brothers and sisters, let’s become the true followers
and the true disciples of Jesus.

Topics for Discussion:
1. How did Jesus choose his apostles? How did he ask them to follow him? Why did he make such a request?
2. What is to be with him always? Do you have such an experience? Please share with the group an example.
3. What is to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit? Why the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit can never be forgiven?
4. Please recall how you were going to follow Jesus when you just became a believer.
5. Please share how to become a true believer out of a pure faith.

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, we thank and praise you! You personally chose us to become
God’s children in Christ. May you further choose us to be your true
followers. May the Holy Spirit shed light into our hearts so we can
understand how to be a true follower. Protect our hearts so that we can be
with you always, and be like a tree planted by streams of water by
meditating your law day and night, and be like a branch that remains in the
vine. May you help us listen to the Holy Spirit and follow His guidance, so
that we can obey God’s will, and preach, heal and drive out demons with
authority to manifest your mighty power! Thank you Jesus. We pray 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.