I. WELCOME, 15 mins.
Prepare a couple simple, fun and delightful icebreakers to help your group warm up. Help your cell group members to put aside their busy and tiresome life to prepare their hearts to come before God.

II. WORSHIP, 20 mins.
Prayerfully choose a few songs to lead the cell group members to worship God. The worship leader would encourage members to come before the throne of God to seek God’s face, and lead them into God’s presence. During this time, the cell group leader will also lead the group to pray aloud for the following prayer items:

A. MISSION ORGANIZATION:________________, and their needs are:_______________
   (Please contact the church if you don’t know the needs of the mission organization.)

B. CHURCH MINISTRY:
   - BBQ Outreach 7/20 @ Ortega Park
   - 07/25-27 Destiny Conference (Youth&College) Register at www.TheDesintyConf.com
   - Glocal Impact Conference: 8/1-8/4 click on the slide to register at www.rolec.net/engministry

C. New comer: __________________Confirm new comers’ name before cell meeting.
   For sick members, friends or relatives: __________________Please discuss how you may show your care to them.

III. WORD, 45 mins. By sharing God’s word, the group may discuss how to apply it to their daily life.

A. Sharing message from last Sunday’s sermon: (It would be helpful if you could listen on-line once again.)
   1. What is the key message from last Sunday sermon? How did God talk 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: Vessel of the Miracles
.Scriptures: Mark 6: 32-44 (Please read Bible verses in turns)
Memorizing Verse: When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (Mark 6: 34 NIV)

Foreword:
Jesus came back to Nazareth, the place where he grew up. Neighbors recognized him as the son of a carpenter, and a carpenter who never went to school himself! However, it is confusing to see him lead many apostles and teach others in the synagogue. People decided to disdain him after talking to each other. Why did this happen? That is because they did not trust him. Even though they heard his teachings, or even saw his many miracles with their own eyes, they still did not want to give up their distrust! The Lord had to stop doing miracles in his hometown!

God is willing to do miracles amongst us, but He needs vessels to accomplish his amazing work. Are you willing to become the vessel he can use?

1. With love and compassion, you can see the needs (Mark 6:32-34):
   A flock of sheep without a shepherd.
   1) Without any direction:  doing whatever they wanted without any direction or goal
   2) Couldn’t find water or grass: an empty spirit that couldn’t be satisfied
   3) Exposed to attacks by wild animals: couldn’t resist any temptation in their lives and stumbled

   Jesus saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd, and had compassion on them. He fed them and met their needs.

2. Jesus wants us to find the opportunity to do miracle from the needs (Mark 35-38)
   1) Two reactions facing the needs: (6: 35-37)
      a. Not willing to help with others’ needs: The apostles were aware of people’s fatigue and hunger (Actually they were hungry themselves (Mark 6:31)), but they felt helpless, so they
asked people to figure out their own problems. However, they forgot that Jesus just sent them out in pairs and didn’t give them much food or luggage, and they survived without any shortage! (Mark 6:7-13)

b. Feed them: Try to look after their needs. Jesus tested his apostles to let them become the vessels of God’s provision.

2) Resource in hand: (6:37-38)

a. Apostles: The apostles reacted impolitely to Jesus’ seemingly unreasonable request. “This is a remote place. There is no shop around. There are so many people, at least five thousand men. Even twenty silver can do nothing!” The response is “no way”. Had there been no way, there wouldn’t have been the miracle of five bread and two fish!

b. Jesus: “How many loaves do you have?” The apostles really had nothing. But the Lord told them to “go and see”. People always think they are under hard circumstances and have nothing. But the Lord asks us to go and see. Then the apostles found a boy with five bread and two fish! Even though that was not much, but it was used to feed five thousand men in the hands of the Lord! (Matthew 14:18)!

3) Jesus can do miracles with what we have: (6:39-44)

1) Vessel of obedience (6:39-40):
Apostles did what Jesus told them to do. It was the Jewish culture to seat people in groups, as if they are enjoying the banquet of Passover. You see, the Lord always keeps things in order!

2) Give others grace while enjoying it (6:41-42)
God’s grace is always enough. Not only can you enjoy the grace and get fully fed, when you pass on the grace, God’s grace can also be passed onto other’s lives through you, and they will get fed.

3) God’s miracles are always beyond what we expect and ask for (6:34-44):
God’s grace is not only enough, but also overflowing. Don’t waste God’s grace. As a vessel of God you also need to be a good steward of God’s grace.

Discussion:
1. Please share the first thought that comes into your mind when you think of the miracle of five bread and two fish.
2. Jesus already knew what the apostles could do was limited. Why did he give them such a challenge: “You give them something to eat.”?
3. Have you ever experienced any problems that were hard to solve? What did you want the most? What kind of revelation do you get from the miracle of five bread and two fish?
4. Think of what you have now. How do you wish Jesus to use it?
5. Please share in the group about how we can be used more by God and become vessels of the miracles.

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, we thank you and we praise you! You are the compassionate God. You look after the need of each of us. You also want us to be compassionate, and go and see whether there are lost sheep around us, people like sheep without a shepherd. You want us to become your vessels to pass on your love to them, and bring them to you. You will surely become the bread of their lives to satisfy their souls. Lord, let us learn to fix our eyes on you, and put the five bread and two fish that we have and cannot do anything with into your hands. We believe they can bless many people after you bless them. Thank you, Lord! How much you love us. We pray in Jesus’ precious 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.

Next week: Mark 6:1-56 Live by faith but not by sight