Life Application  
Living in Excellence  
October 11, 2013

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

II. WORSHIP, 20 mins.
Prayerfully choose a few songs that will lead cell members to worship God. The worship leader should encourage cell members to come before the throne of God, see God in face, and lead them into God’s presence. During this time, the cell 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:
- 9/08-10/20 Equipping Class: Apologetics by Kevin Gordon
- 10/13 Ministry Coworker Recruitment
- 10/18-10/20 Mission Conference

C. New comer: ______________ IDentify new comers before cell meeting.
Sick members, friends or relatives: ________________ Please also discuss how you may show your cares to them.

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

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 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: Living in Excellence

Memorizing Verse: “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Php. 3:14)

The first “Glocal Impact Conference” of River of Life Christian Church has brought us quite a good impact! Many of us received in the spirit. In his keynote speech, “The Strategy of Glocal Impact,” Pastor Tong has once again emphasized ROLCC’s logo being: “Dynamic Faith; Excellent Life.” In this week’s life application, we are going to discuss: Living in Excellence. Please explore and encourage one another among your cell members, on how we can best live a life of excellence.

1. What is excellence? What is considered as excellence in life?
   1) Making lots of money, becoming a successful businessperson
   2) Having high power and position, or being a political leader
   3) The gold medal of an Olympian
   4) Winner of an Oscar Award
   5) The author of a best seller
   6) Famous celebrity in movies and on TV
   7) Known revival evangelist
   8) Scientist or inventor who benefits the society
   9) An insignificant employee but responsible, loving and has a wonderful family
   10) A godly Christian who listens to the voice of Holy Spirit; does God’s will, loves God and people and lives like Christ

   Question #1: What do you think is “excellence”? Is it having excessive wisdom, extraordinary physical power, keen insight, exceptional skill, or being a faithful, responsible but an ordinary person? What is your definition of excellence? Tell us who you admire that have a life of excellence. Why?
2. What does Bible say about excellence?
   1) Abraham: father of faith (Ro. 4:17)
   2) Moses: faithful as a servant in all God’s house. (Heb. 3:5)
   3) David: had served God’s purpose in his own generation. (Ac. 13:36)
   4) Paul: works for Christ with all energy (Col. 1:28-29)
   5) Esther: goes to the king disregard it’s against the law or if she may die to save the Jews. (Es. 4:16)
   6) Gideon: defeated Medianites with 300 men (Jud. 7:21-22)
   7) Jacob: would not let go of God without his blessing (Gen. 32:26)
   8) Sarah: was enabled to bear child of promise even she was past childbearing age. (Heb. 11:11)
   9) Elisha: receives double portion of blessings. (2Ki. 2:9)

Question #2: Among all the above-mentioned biblical characters, whose excellence inspires you the most and who would you wish to follow? Why?

3. How to live in excellence?
   Best definition of excellence: Thoroughly develop the talent given by God. Do our best in all things we do. Check out the following hints and see if you can use them as reference to spark your potentiality. Hopefully through the thinking process, you may improve your current situation and live your excellence.
   1) With all your heart and all your might
   2) Be called and be passionate
   3) Gift and capability
   4) Creative thinking
   5) Grab the opportunity
   6) Continuous improvement
   7) Selfless loving
   8) Fulfill God’s will

Question #3: Please share what are some of the things (the service in cell group or church, work, family and people relations) you can try your best and become excellent at.

In his book “Jump Over the Hurdles of life,” Pastor Tong mentioned, in order to live in God’s excellence, don’t compare yourself to others. God has given you all the resources. All you need to do is to explore what’s the best thing you can do, be focused and give it your best. God will prepare the opportunity for you, allow you to fully develop your strengths and live in excellence.

(Drawn material from Fly Young Monthly and “Jump Over the Hurdles of Life”)

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, we thank you so much. You gave each of us with different gifts so that we may use them in different area to accomplish what you meant us to accomplish. May your spirit be with us at all time. Remind us to be determined and live in excellence. With the goal of bettering ourselves in mind, if only we could take one step at a time and press on to make continuously improvement, we know we will someday be excellent. Thank you and 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.