The Beatitudes Series 2
Blessed Are Those Who Mourn
December 6, 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:
- 12/1 & 12/8 Baptism Class
- 12/15 Baptism
- 12/21 Christmas Party Outreach
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service.
- 12/31 New Year’s Eve Prayer Meeting
- 1/12 & 1/19 Healing Ministry Team Training

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: Blessed Are Those Who Mourn
Memorizing Verse: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (Matt.5:4)

1. Suggested Icebreaker: Complete the following sentences.
   1) I always _______________.
   2) I often _______________.
   3) I sometimes _______________.
   4) I never _______________.

2. Self Assessment:
   1) Were you upset for making mistakes? Please share your experience with everyone.
   2) Please choose the 3 things that bother you the most:
      □ Obstinate, disobedient and defiant □ Moral Decline
      □ Increased crime rate    □ Political decay
      □ Untrue media reports □ Superstitions or refuse to believe the truth
      □ Social chaos □ Your own transgression
      □ Increased divorce rate
   Why are these phenomena distress you? What is the direct impact on you?

3. True Story:
A city in South America used to be full of violence, alcoholics, superstitions and crimes…which scrapped the whole city nearly to death. A group of Christians became so much afflicted by the situation; they repented and were deeply grieved as they prayed earnestly. Surprisingly, the city gradually changed: many people repented and believed in God, they kept away from transgressions. The once packed police stations and jails became safe and peaceful. Moreover, people enjoyed great harvest in agriculture. The city eventually transformed into an energetic and upbeat city.

3) What do you see and learn from this story of what an individual can do for the needs of a society? Would you share your
opinions with your group?

4. The definition of mourn: to feel or express sorrow or grief over one’s sins or over the unfairness or misfortune of the world.

5. Biblical Examples:
   Isaiah 6:5-8
   5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”
   6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in this hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”
   8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Living in the defiant and rebellious generation full of haughty and presumptuous people, the prophet Isaiah appealed to his people to take away their guilt, sanctify themselves, remove the evil-doing and return to God so that they may be saved. Disregard the people would not listen to him, Isaiah persisted in his evangelism.

Remember the topic of this Glocal Impact Conference? “A Church that Impacts a Generation.” When we lose our influence, we lose the culture, and when we lose the culture, we fail to advance the kingdom of God. It’s time to stand up and reclaim the 7 mountains of culture which are: Media, Government, Education, Business, Arts and Entertainment, Religion and Family. Note that if we were to impact any nation for Jesus Christ, we should need to affect the seven spheres. Especially nowadays, the United States is trying every possible way to exclude God. As a church, we not only should be mourned for this country, but to pray in urgency. People of God should also proactively participate and get involved to make substantial influence, and then, to transform our world!

4) Which workshops did you attend in GIC? What is your most substantial gain?

5) Talk about what your burden is to these 7 mountains? What can you do to actually make an impact?

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you! For you are the ultimate loving Father. When we rebel against you and disobey you, you remain patiently waiting for our return; yet when we repent and cry out for our transgressions, you forgive us and comfort us. Lord, you are the most kind God. We pray that you would put a merciful heart in us for our generation that we may pray for it and will get involved into it and reclaim the 7 mountains of culture. May your wisdom and power be unto us. Make us influential people, bring positive impact and experience your almighty transformation. We pray that all hearts and minds will turn to you. We offer our thankfulness and 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.