The Beatitude Series 7
Blessed Are the Peacemaker
January 31, 2014

I. WELCOME, 15 mins.
Prepare a couple of easy, fun and dynamic icebreaker games to get your group warmed up. Help your cell members to put aside their busy & stressful life. Prepare their minds to come before God.

II. WORSHIP, 20 mins.
Prepare a few songs that help to bring your members to come to the throne of God. As you worship, help your members to encounter with God and experience God’s presence. During this time, the cell leader should 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:
- 2/2-3/9 Love and Respect
- 2/5 & 2/19 English Prayer Meeting @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- 2/8 Men’s Breakfast
- 2/14 Valentines Day Dinner
- 2/28-3/1 Holy Spirit 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 you may apply it in everyday life.

A. Sharing message from last Sunday’s sermon: (Try and listen to the sermon on-line once again.)
   1. What is the key message from last Sunday sermon? What 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: Blessed are the peacemakers
Scriptures: Matthew 5:9 (Please read Bible verses in turns)
Memorizing Verse: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

1. Icebreaker Game (just for reference):
   A) Get all the attendees to form a circle. Put a chair in the middle of the circle.
   B) Write down your name on a piece of paper.
   C) Whoever has his name picked, he will sit on the chair in the middle and receive praises from everyone. The praise’s best goes one after the other in sequence.
   D) Repeat for a few times.

2. Self-Assessment (Okay to have multiple choices):
   □ I don't like conflicts. □ I prefer to be a peacemaker
   □ I seldom mind other people’s business.
   □ I like to be a mediator. □ I am always right.
   □ I compliment people all the time.
   □ I criticize people behind their back.
   □ If people leave me alone, I’ll leave them alone.
   □ I prefer to keep everyone in harmony together in a group.

Discussion #1: How does your personality impact you?

3. True Story:
Mr. and Mrs. Wang fought all the time. Lady Hu invited Mr. Wang over for a dinner. Mr. Wang gave Mrs. Hu lots of compliments on her cooking. Lady Hu responded, “Thank you for your compliment, but the dishes were actually made by one of my friends.” Mr. Wang continued, “She must be an amazing and talented woman to make all these.”

“Would you like to meet with her?” As Lady Hu was saying, there walking out was this woman who was no one else but Mrs. Wang! Lady Hu went on and said, “I actually did nothing but give plenty of compliments. If you constantly do the same, you’ll have great meals like what we had today.” Lady Hu also gave them some
honest advice on how a husband and wife should treat one another. After that they didn’t seem to fight that much.

Discussion #2: Share some examples of a good husband and wife relationship around you.

4. The Definition of Peacemaking:
“Peacemaking”: means a mediator in between two parties. He helps them to reconcile with one another so that the disgruntlement in between them can be removed.

5. Biblical Examples:
Philemon 10 ~ 20

10 I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. 15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good—no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

Paul met Onesimus in prison, who was a servant of Paul’s disciple, Philemon. Onesimus stole money from Philemon and fled to Rome. Paul advised Onesimus to repent and give his life to Jesus; he also wrote a letter to Philemon and pleaded with his master to forgive him.

Discussion #3: What is the attitude of Paul addressed in the letter to Philemon? What did he do to make peace between Philemon and Onesimus?

Discussion #4: When someone confronts you, what will you do?

Discussion #5: What do you think the role of a peacemaker is in a group or in a society?

Practice to make peace:

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Peacemaking is not merely diminishing fights, but submitting to God in disregard of their own stance, or to forgive someone who has done wrong to you and reach peace. This is how Jesus would do and is pleased to God. A peacemaker is more than blessed. He will also bring peace to the group he’s in and be the blessing to others.

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for giving us your loving son who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. We are grateful that Jesus gave his life to remove the precepts and the enmity generated by the Law. He had made us and the Israelites to be a new person. Not only that, we became one and we made peace with God Father. O Lord, we want to submit ourselves by sending out the good news of peace to anyone who’s around us. We are also willing to pay the price and become peacemakers. 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.