1 Peter Series 4  
Follow Jesus and Be His Servant  
March 14, 2014

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:
- 3/5 & 3/19 Bi-Weekly English Prayer Meeting @ 7:30PM in Fellowship Hall
- 3/16 English Family Luncheon
- 3/29 Intern Cell Leader Training (9:30am- 4:30pm) lunch & childcare provided.
- 4/11 Spiritual Warfare Conference @ 7:30pm in Emmanuel Chapel
- 4/12 Spiritual Warfare Class, Saturday all day class: $20 to audit.
- 4/18 Good Friday Service
- 4/20 Easter Celebration Sunday

C. New comer: ________________ Confirm new comers’ name before the 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 speak to you through the message?
2. How would you respond to the message? What action will you take after listening to the message?

B. Topic of the week: Follow Jesus and Be His Servant
Verses: 1Peter 2: 13-25 – Please read God’s words & memorize it.
Memorizing Verses: To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. (1Peter 2: 21)

Although we long for the best home that God has prepared for us, we still need to live a life to witness and glorify God on earth in order to bring people to Jesus. It’s not differentiating us from the world, but to be God’s servant with righteous character, fear of the Lord, and a heart to follow Him.

1. The character of a God’s servant (1Peter 2: 13-17)
   A. Obey the authority (1Peter 2: 13-15) – we not only obey authority at church, we also obey the following authorities:
      a. Earthly systems and laws.
      b. Submit to those in power because God gives them authority to rule. We learn how to be submissive through this process.
      c. Act of benevolence to shut down the ignorant. We need to be willingly submissive and do good so that we are blameless.
   B. Be a truly free man (1Peter 2: 16). Because of Jesus’ redemption, we are no longer living in sin; we are free. So do not use freedom as a cover-up for evil, but rather abstain from sin. Serve the Lord with joy.
   C. Act of benevolence with a loving heart (1Peter 2: 17). How much we love God and people can be demonstrated from how we treat others. When we love the Lord and submit to
Him, we are able to love other people. As a result, we need to treat people with politeness and humbleness, love our brothers and sisters. Recognizing the government’s authority and follow the stipulated laws.

2. We are willing to be a submissive servant for God’s sake (1Peter 2: 18-20)

The slavery system still existed in Peter’s time. The master can treat servants at will because they were purchased as objects. Some servants could not stand the malicious treatment and ran away. Peter uses the submissive servant as an example to teach brothers and sisters to act like a submissive servant for God’s sake, and do not run away because of the prosecution. The same rule applies to us – to be a submissive employee for God’s sake.

A. Submit to the master out of respect (1Peter 2: 18). No matter if the master is gentle and kind, or hard to deal with, the servant needs to show respect, be totally submissive, and serve the master whole heartedly to glorify the Lord.

B. Do good with endurance (1Peter 2: 19-20).

It is to our credit if we receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it. But if we suffer for doing good and we endure it, this is commendable before God. This act pleases God. If we suffer for doing good but cannot bear it, then we suffer in vain.

3. We are to follow Jesus’ steps (1Peter 2: 21-25)

A. Jesus set the example through his suffering and prosecution (1Peter 2: 21-23). Jesus did not defend himself, but rather submitted himself to God. He was innocent but suffered false accusation and mistreatment. He didn’t complain nor defend for himself, on the contrary, he asked for forgiveness to the soldier who tortured him because he trusted in God’s faithfulness and righteousness.

B. Imitate Jesus’ total submission to complete the redemption (1Peter 2: 24-25)

Jesus suffered for our sin and was crucified on the cross to redeem us. We belong to Jesus. He will look after and protect us. We need to inherit Jesus’ mission, imitate his submission, and tell others about the salvation so other people can also receive the redemptive grace.

Discussion:
1. What does it mean to you to “follow Jesus and be His servant”?
2. What is the most important character to be God’s servant? Why?
3. What kind of blessing do we get from Jesus’ submission that even cost his life? What kind of inspiration and encouragement do we get from Jesus’ act of total submission?
4. In your current situation, work place or family, which areas do you think you need to learn about submission?
5. How can we put “follow Jesus and be God’s servant” into practice during worship and services at church?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we thank you and praise you. Thank you for teaching us how to follow Jesus and be God’s servant. Father God, we thank you for your total sacrifice. You bear the strips and humiliation; you didn’t defend for yourself and died for our sins to redeem us so we can be free. Father God, we want to imitate you and follow your steps, do good to testify, and evangelize the gospel so people can receive the salvation. 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.