1 Peter Series 7
Serve according to the gift received
April 4, 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:
- 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
- 5/3 Women’s Brunch
- 5/17 Happy Family Fun Trip
- 5/30-31 Men’s Retreat at Mission Springs

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: Serve according to the gifts received

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<td>Memorizing Verses:</td>
<td>Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1Peter 4: 10)</td>
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Most people don’t like to think about or see the end of all things. It’s like most people don’t want to face imminent death, or leave everything behind. People like to make themselves feel comfortable, and pursue the so called happiness with all their hearts. But Peter reminded us “the end of all things is near”. When the time comes, everything is coming to an end. It has been over two thousand years since Peter said that the end is near. What type of attitude should Christians spend their life before the end? Peter reminds us to “faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms”. In 2014, let’s determine to do this so our life can be a testimony to glorify God. Please read 1 Peter 4:1-11

1. Faithfully Administering God’s Grace (1Peter 4: 1-6)
   A. Motivation to faithfully administering (1Peter 4: 1)
      Since Christ suffered in his body, so we need to arm ourselves with the same attitude because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.
   B. Good life and attitude (1Peter 4: 2-6)
      a. Lead a holy life (1Peter 4: 2)
         Willing lead a life for the will of God rather than evil human desires.
      b. Do not follow what pagans choose to do (1Peter 4: 3-4)
         Pagans are those who don’t believe in God. They plunge into the flood of dissipation, which is not the model you should learn from. They may heap abuse on you, but you are able to stand firm through God.
c. Know that God will judge (1Peter 4: 5-6)
   Gospel is for all people. God uses direct and indirect way to preach gospel, or sow the seed for people to seek for God. However, some people are reluctant to receive the salvation news and continue their corrupting way of life. They will be perished in the judgment because God is the Lord of justice.

2. Spiritual principle to be God’s faithful servant (1Peter 4: 7-9)
   A. Be clear-minded and self-controlled to pray (1Peter 4: 7).
      Stand firm with the belt of truth buckled around your waist. Submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit and be clear minded to pray.
   B. Love each other deeply (1Peter 4: 8).
      Loving each other is one of the characteristics of a Christian; we have to live it out to testify for God. Love allows us not to remember other’s wrong doing so we can tolerate and forgive. Love can restore those who go astray (Galatians 6:1).
   C. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling (1Peter 4: 9).
      Brothers and sisters need to receive one another with hospitality, like receiving family members. One who offers hospitality without grumbling exercises deep love. Like some families offer their home for cell group gathering, when we utilize their facility with care and appreciative attitude, God’s love naturally flows among the group.

3. Faithfully administering God’s grace in various forms (1Peter 4: 10-11)
   A. Gifts are used to administer one another (1Peter 4: 10-11a).
      Gifts are distributed by Holy Spirit as he determines (1 Corinthians 12:11). We all have gifts from God to serve one another. Peter mentioned two gifts in particular: 1) The gift to preach: God’s words need to be preached according to His will, not to our likeness. 2) The gift to serve others: administering cannot rely on one’s zealour and strength, but through God’s gift and mighty power.
   B. All kinds of administering are meant to glorify God.

(1Peter 4: 11b).
The purpose of administering is to please God, and give God all the glory through Jesus.

Discussion (please choose the topic according to team member’s needs):
1. What drives you to be the most outstanding employee at work and best coworker when administering?
2. Peter admonished us to know what is the motivation to serve God? Why is this motivation so important?
3. As a faithful servant, what kind of spiritual life and character should one have? When people are not nice because of your different behavior, how will you respond?
4. Which spiritual principle you want to follow in order to become a good servant? And why?
5. How can we explore and encourage all types of gift within cell group (in leading words and administering in particular)? Any practical way to carry it out?

Prayer:
Dear Jesus, we thank you and praise you because you have broken all darkness and the chains of sin so we can be totally free in you. Lord, please help us to commit ourselves to faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms from the first cell group meeting in 2014. We will continue to explore and utilize the gifts you give to serve one another, not only to grow our cell group, but also to bring the good news to more people and give the glory to you. Thank you for your grace and hearing our prayer. 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: 1 Peter 4:12-19