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:
- 5/28 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- 5/30-31 Men’s Retreat at Mission Springs
- 6/1 English Family Luncheon

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 online 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: Make Every Effort to Be Productive
Scripts: 2 Peter 1:1-11 (Please read Bible verses in turns)
Memorizing Verse: For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(2 Peter 8)

In view of the disciples’ situation at that time, Peter, being a disciple and servant of the Lord, decided to write this missive to believers scattered in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. Peter first gave recognition to those who received precious faith from Jesus Christ. He also blessed them with rich abundance and peace, on the path to better understanding Jesus Christ. 1:1-2

It was around 66 – 68 A. D. Peter seemed to know that the time for his persecution was near. He was concerned about the false teaching which may influence believers to stray away from God. He earnestly encouraged the disciples, guiding them to seek spiritual advancement and advised them to bear fruit in their lives. He was hoping that these disciples, later on, will be able to resist the false teaching, so that they may walk unyieldingly in Christ and accomplish what was entrusted by God and to eventually receive His reward.

1. God has given us the utmost foundation of bearing fruit (3-4):
   A) The Divine Power (3a): 1) God has given us all the power we need to live with His love and be godly. 2) Through the power He gave us, we have a better knowledge of His glory and goodness.
   B) The Great Promise (4): Jesus has paid the ransom for us with His own life. He not only granted us salvation but provided us with God’s precious promises, 1) so that we may participate in the divine nature and be able to grow with God’s goodness and attributes. As said in 2 Cor. 5:17, “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.” 2) so that we may escape the corruption caused by evil desires. As we are equipped with the divine nature, we will no longer be gratified by the desires of the sinful nature that is opposed to the divine nature.

   2. Make an effort to know Jesus and bear fruit (5-9): As we understand how great and precious the promises God has given us,
should we be idle in what God has entrusted us? On the contrary, we should make every effort to seek the utmost advancement of faith and live a fruit-bearing life.

A) Faith is increased step by step (5:7): Taking a break will stop the progress of faith. In order for us to increase our faith, Peter gave us 7 solid steps:

1) Faith, goodness and knowledge (5): As we set out with faith, faith must be accompanied with good deeds, and good deeds are based on good knowledge. This can be done by building a good foundation on God’s Word so that we may understand what is the pleasing, good and perfect will of God and follow His will.

2) Knowledge, self-control, perseverance and godliness (6): Knowledge tells us good from evil, so that we may do good and control ourselves from doing evil. In the path of following God, we will persevere, stand firm and not withdraw for afflictions or oppressions. We are determined to walk on the godly path and live with divine attributes.

3) Godliness, brotherly kindness and love: As we have the divine attribute of godliness, we should be able to unconditionally love others – we should not only love our brothers and sisters in Christ, but also love anyone who is an unbeliever.

B) Bearing the fruit of life (8-9a): 1) While our faith is advancing, we ought to know Jesus better: better connected with him, and continuously reside in him. Jesus desires us to bear fruit therefore he taught us to always remain in him so that we may bear fruit. (John 15). 2) If we do not grow in Christ, our understanding of Him may gradually be deteriorated. Then we will forget God’s grace, and then live a sinful life.

3. Receiving A Rich Welcome for Bearing Fruit (10-11)

A) Never fall on the road of faith (10): As we live a fruit-bearing life, our faith will become unaltering and will increase. We will be more determined of our calling and God’s selection. Naturally we will choose to walk on God’s path and follow God’s will. That way, God will keep us and will not let us fall.

B) Receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom (11): Faith comes with effectiveness and a rich welcome into God’s kingdom.

Discussion: (Please pick the questions that are suitable for your cell group’s needs.)

1. What is your favorite fruit? Why?
2. What is our foundation to bear fruit for God? Which is the most important foundation to you? Why?
3. Why would Peter tell us so many more things after having a faithful life? Which is the most critical for you at this time? Why?
4. What can you do in your daily life to advance faith?
5. As you make an effort to increase your faith, what can be used as a goal for you in person or for your cell group? How are you going to pray for it and put it into actions?

Prayer:

Lord Father, we thank you and praise you. Thank you for giving us your divine power, so that we may walk away from our ungodly lives. Help us to live in your godliness and have a part in your attributes. We thank you for teaching us how to seek for the growth in faith and not get frustrated. We want to make a choice to live a fruit-bearing life. Oh Lord, give us an unalterable heart to believe, a unquenched love to love our brothers and sisters and anyone else. Let people recognize that we belong to you. We live for the only purpose to extol you. 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.