2 Peter Series 4
Look Forward to the Day of God
June 27, 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:
- 6/15-7/25 Pray America
- 6/25 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting
- 6/28 Men’s Breakfast @ 8am
- 7/19 Women’s Brunch @ 11am in Fellowship Hall.
- 7/31-8/3 Glocal Impact Conference.

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: Look Forward to the Day of God
Verses: 2Peter 3: 8-18
Memorizing Verses: So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. (2Peter 3: 14)
Peter was furious with false teachers and prophets because their evil acts not only hurt believers, but also harmed the church. That’s why Peter rebuked them as “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.” at the end of Chapter 2. As a result, Peter reminded and encouraged us once again that we need to think about the prophecy and Jesus’ commands in a twisted world. We need to stand firm on God’s words like in 2Peter 3:1-2 taught by the disciples to resist mockery or turn from false teachers and false prophets. Instead, firmly believe the coming back of Jesus and lead a holy life.

1. Firmly believe Jesus is bound to come back (2Peter 3: 8-13)
   A. Jesus has promised that He will come back but it hasn’t come to pass after over two thousands years. False teachers and false prophets take advantage of this to mock disciples and don’t realize that:
      a. God transcends above all time and space so He views a day different than a human being does (Psalm 90: 4, 8)
      b. God has mercy on us; He wants everyone to be saved and that no one should perish.

   B. Reminder of God’s Coming Back (2Peter 3: 10-13):
      a. God won’t preannounce when He is to come back, so nobody knows the exact date. The day of the Lord will come like a thief.
      b. When God returns there will be a new heaven and a new earth, the old will be burnt by fire. He will keep His promise.
2. Lead a holy life to receive God’s return (2Peter 3: 14-16):
   A. Make every effort to be holy (2:4 and 2:11)
      While looking forward to God’s return, we need to lead a holy and virtuous life to face the all-righteous God and be free of trial.
   B. Interpret God’s word as it says, don’t elaborate or quote from other sources because the Bible verses will not conflict with one another. The same as teaching in 2Peter 1:20-21.

3. Avoid ridiculous teaching and grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2Peter 3: 17-18):
   A. Avoid teachings from false prophets and false teachers:
      Peter taught us how to discern false teachings that bewildered believers; we also need to be aware of them in case we are confused by them and go astray.
   B. Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord
      a. Grow in the grace of the Lord: the biggest grace that God gives to us is salvation. This grace is freely given, not that we deserve or pay any effort to get it. We need to know how to rely on God’s grace.
      b. Grow in the knowledge of the Lord: to earnestly pursue God and experience the faithfulness of His words and His promises so we will desire more of God and obey His words.

Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs):
1. Have you ever heard about the news about Jesus’ come back? What was your reaction upon hearing the news?
2. How do we know Jesus is bound to come back? (Ans: this is God’s promise. 75% of God promise has come to pass, and His return shall come to pass.)
3. How does Jesus’ return galvanize you to lead a holy lifestyle?
4. How can we prevent heresy about Jesus’ return? What action will you take?
5. How can we experience more grace of the Lord and grow in His words? What action will you take? Please give some examples.

Prayer:
Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you. Thank you for teaching us to fervently lead a holy life to wait for His return. May God protect our faith not to be shaken by the mockery from other people, and keep our thoughts constant in your words and teaching to live holiness. May we learn to depend more on your grace, to know you more, to welcome your return and live in your promised new heaven and earth. 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.
Week of 3/21: Matthew 5:10