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:
- 7/31-8/3 Glocal Impact Conference.
- 8/10-9/28 Legacy Class by Dave Ramsey.
- 8/24 Family Fun Day

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: Collaborate and Build in One Heart

| Verses: Nehemiah 3: 1-32 |
| Memorizing Verses: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15: 58) |

Preface:
There are many people and location’s names in today’s study, which is often easily skipped during the process. But Nehemiah carefully documented the details, because every warrior who was willing to collaborate and build the wall was remembered by God. You are a mighty kingdom warrior who is called to build up your cell group and church, and your name will be remembered by God. Please read this week’s verse as if reading your name in it.

1. Collaboration requires sound planning
   a. Detail planning beforehand:
      We often think that the more manpower there is, the easier a project moves along. But on the contrary, if there is no planning beforehand, various opinions actually drag down the progress. Nehemiah divided the projects into many phases and assigned people to work on the sub-projects. When conglomerated together, each sub-project contributed to the project as a whole.

   b. Systematic arrangement:
      “Next to” appeared in Chapter 3 thirty-one times. When we link these “next to” together, we find there is no repetition or oblivion of the entire project.

   c. Construction from Sheep Gate to Sheep Gate (Nehemiah 3: 1; 32)
      The Sheep Gate was facing toward God’s temple. The construction started from the temple and showed that people’s hearts were facing toward God because what they did was not just for them, but also for God. The construction started from Sheep Gate and ended at Sheep Gate.
2. Collaborated construction must be a whole-body ministry:
   a. The noble and the poor all participated (Nehemiah 3:1)
      High priest was the highest position in that time. They were clergy in the most high; they were the least to be expected to build the wall. But if the high priest led the build, this act shut everybody’s mouth. As a result, we saw priests (3:28), rulers (3:9; 12), goldsmiths (3:8), perfume-makers (3:8), merchants (3:32) all participated in the construction.
   b. Across gender and age (Nehemiah 3:2)
      We thought women could do some light tasks like cooking, doing laundry, boiling water. But here it mentioned “built” the wall, so we saw sisters all participated in the construction.
   c. A few bystanders (Nehemiah 3:5b)
      Some nobles decided not to participate. Holy Spirit documented this because bystanders often became the breach for Satan’s work. It was a great loss for the noble not to participate.

3. Strategic arrangement and construction:
   a. Clear job function:
      They not only planned for the sub-project, but also listed the tasks to be accomplished: laid its beams and put its doors (3:1; 3; 6; 13; 14; 15), restored Jerusalem (3:8), repaired Tower of the Ovens (3:11), just like how we distribute ministry at church.
   b. Started from where one was at:
      Distributing the work has one characteristic – started from one’s own house (3:10; 23; 28; 29; 30), or the house close by (3:23) because it was the most relevant place. This also reminded us that we should start ministries with family first. If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church? (1Timothy 3:5)

Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs):
1. When the entire family is cleaning the house together, how can you mobilize and arrange everybody?
2. What is your thought after you read through the passage? Why did Nehemiah relentlessly document people’s and location names?
3. From the record about how Nehemiah mobilize and arrange the construction, what can you learn from it? Such as set example as a leader, entire family participation or everybody is being honored.
4. Nehemiah mobilized the entire body to participate the project. How can you help your team by participating in ministry at church and in your cell group?
5. Discuss something that your cell group and participate as a team, such as new comer greeting team, parking traffic flow redirection, or something else.

Prayer:
Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you. You remember every warrior that participated in the rebuilding of the Jerusalem wall. May God help us to set our mind to collaborate with other brothers and sisters to build a glorious church in one heart, so God’s name will be lifted high. 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.