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:
- 8/10-9/28 Legacy Class by Dave Ramsey
- 8/24 Family Fun Day @ Lick Mill Park
- 9/3, 9/17 English Prayer Meeting
- 9/9 English Committee Meeting

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 on-line 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: Tactful Retorting to Defeat the Enemies

Scriptures: Nehemiah 4:13-23
Memorizing Verse: After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.” (Neh. 4:14)

Foreword:
Satan is literally resisting God. As long as it’s God’s work, Satan will try every possible way, to sabotage it. As we saw the way Nehemiah lead the people to build the walls of Jerusalem, it clearly shows us how Satan can utilize all sorts of schemes to hinder the reconstruction. Satan increased his power of attack time after time, which caused the spiritual warfare to become more and more intense. What can the children of God do then? Nehemiah gave us a very good example of how we can learn to overcome Satan in any spiritual warfare.

1. Nehemiah (the Leader) has a new strategy to defeat the enemies (4:13-15)

   A) A leader uses a creative strategy to deal with the enemies (4:13): In view of the enemies’ continuous and vehement attacks, the people got so frightened and were not able to focus on their work. As a leader, Nehemiah not only perceived the enemy’s plots, but came up with counteractions. Instead of following conventional rules, he made the people bear arms while continuing the work on building the walls. Although the strategy may slow down the building process, it allows the construction to keep moving on.

   B) A leader comforts people and incites courage (4:14): Nehemiah reminded the people to turn their focus from the enemy, to the great and awesome God. He guided people to rely on God once again and stood up to fight for their inheritance.

   C) With God’s help, the enemies back off (4:15): Recognizing that the people were being helped by God and full of morale, the enemy was frustrated. The retreat was however temporary. The enemy would not give up easily. They would try to make a comeback if there’s a chance.
2. Everyone follows Nehemiah’s (the leader’s) new strategy (4:16-20)
   A) Everyone is willing to accommodate Nehemiah’s (the leader’s) new instruction (4:16-18):
      In order for a new strategy to be carried out, it takes everyone to want to follow the leader’s leadership. By doing this, a plan can be perfectly performed without any breach. When the people stand in unity, they become an intergraded body of people.
   B) Bringing everyone’s trust before God (4:19-20): Although the work was extensive and spread out. Also, the attack of the enemies was ferocious; Nehemiah comforted everyone and built up their faith with “our God will fight for us!”

3. Nehemiah lead by example; he fought the battle alongside with everyone else (4:21-23): Nehemiah not only set up the plan and encouraged the people, he also lead by example, stayed alert and fought together with his fellow men. He was able to bring everyone’s spirit in alignment, as one.

Discussion: (Please pick the questions that are suitable for your cell group’s needs.)
1. When you have worked very hard and are focused on your goal, yet things block your way, what would you do?
2. How tactfully did Nehemiah respond to the enemies’ interference? What were his new strategies?
3. How did the people and the nobles respond to Nehemiah’s new strategy and solution? If you were one of them, what would you do?
4. What did Nehemiah do to turn people’s focus toward God? If your brothers, sisters or family members ran into similar attacks, how can you help them?
5. Did you learn from Nehemiah as how to defeat the enemies in a spiritual warfare?

Prayer:
Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you and we praise you. You are the great and awesome God. You are also the God who knows how to frustrate the enemies’ plots. You will always fight for us and lead us to victory. When we are attacked by the enemies, please help us to be sensitive to the guidance of Holy Spirit. Give us tactful hearts to overcome the enemies’ tricks. Send us new strategy to frustrate the enemies and to faithfully rely on you so that we may defeat the enemies. Thank you for listening to our prayer. We pray in Jesus’s 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.