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
   - 9/3, 9/17 English Prayer Meeting
   - 9/9 English Committee Meeting
   - 9/27 Men’s Event

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: Crush the Enemies and Complete the Building
   Scriptures: Nehemiah 6:1-16
   Memorizing Verse: When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God. (Neh. 1:16)

   Nehemiah trusted and relied on God. He led the people to overcome the attack from the enemies. He led by examples of following God’s commands and helping those who are in need. His God-loving and people-loving life greatly impacted the people and the nobles in Jerusalem, so much so that an internal crisis of the rebuilding of the wall was settled. As a result, everyone worked together to rebuild the walls. But the enemy didn’t give up yet. They resisted God and disturbed God’s work. Right before the rebuilding was about to finish, with the door of the gate not set, they tried so hard to interrupt the holy work. The enemy aggressively attacked and ridiculed Nehemiah. Let’s see how Nehemiah did in crushing the enemy’s conspiracies and continued to lead the people to accomplish this great work.

1. The leader can recognize enemy’s conspiracy (1-11)
   While the enemy couldn’t disturb or interrupt the building of the walls by threatening or incurring internal crisis, they turned around and attacked the leader, Nehemiah. They devised to have Nehemiah get trapped by their conspiracy. If succeeded, the people would scatter and the walls could not be built.
   A) The enemy devised to delay the building of the walls (1-4):
      The enemy kept inviting Nehemiah to meet them on the plain of Ono, hoping that Nehemiah would stop his work.
   B) The enemy threatened Nehemiah with malicious accusations (5-8):
      On the fifth time when the enemy sent a message to Nehemiah, he purposely left the letter unsealed so that Nehemiah may read the content of it. In the letter, the enemy accused Nehemiah of plotting to revolt. His purpose is to provoke the rage of King Artaxerxes and to frighten the people in Jerusalem.
   C) The enemy paid to have harm done to Nehemiah (10-11):
      The enemy bribed Shemaiah to induce Nehemiah committing a sin. It seemed that Shemaiah was serving at the holy temple and was a friend to Nehemiah. When Nehemiah visited him, he
shut his home and persuaded Nehemiah to escape from the enemy by meeting him inside of the temple.

2. The leader can crush enemies’ conspiracy (1-14)
Nehemiah recognized the enemy’s plot, yet he did not compromise because of their threats. He relied on God to crush their conspiracies.

A) Nehemiah courageously rejected the invitation and accusation from the enemy (3, 8-9:1): 1) He refused the enemy’s invitation by replying that he was working on God’s great work. Nehemiah didn’t stop building the walls and go meet them alone, as they were scheming to harm him. He declined their invitation and sent people to tell them that he’s working on God’s great work. 2) Nehemiah pointed out that the enemy was making up stories. He comforted his followers and explained to them that the purpose of the enemy was to spread threats so that the people may become troubled and stop the building work.

B) Nehemiah stood firm. He did not commit a sin; he was not afraid or giving the enemy any chance. (11-13): 1) Nehemiah stayed lawful and was not afraid: Nehemiah clearly knew his own position and status. He would not allow himself to commit a sin or blaspheme God’s law to spare his own life. 2) Nehemiah did not give the enemy any chance: Only the high priest may enter the Most Holy place. If Nehemiah did not think through but fled to the holy temple, the enemy would hold leverage over him and could further slander him. This could ruin people’s trust and become reluctant to follow him.

C) Nehemiah pleaded and prayed to God (9b, 14:1): 1) Nehemiah prayed God would strengthen his hands, that people would not be threatened, stand still to the enemy’s false accusations and keep having faith to build the walls. 2) Nehemiah put the unrighteous people in God’s hand: He didn’t deal with the enemies or the prophets hired by them; he prayed that God would remember them and left the judgment to God.

3. God’s great work – completing the rebuilt of the walls (15-16):
Because of Nehemiah’s steadfast faith, even facing conspiracies from the enemy, he stayed firm in God’s Word. He discerned the enemy’s conspiracy, and destroyed their lies and schemes by totally relying on God with courage and assurance. Most importantly, he believed God’s great work to rebuild the walls, so God will help and the work will be done. As a result, the whole rebuilding process only took 52 days to accomplish, which intimidated the enemy and discouraged them. God makes everything happen. No one can resist while God determines to make things come to pass. Likewise, God’s will to His church as well as each ministry in the church are all great works of God. Let us participate in all the ministries in the church to experience the amazing work he wishes to accomplish. Let’s also give all the glory and praise to our Lord.

Discussion: (Please pick the questions that are suitable for your cell group’s needs.)
1. How do you feel right before you were to complete an assignment or service?
2. Why would the enemy attack Nehemiah? How did they attack Nehemiah to the greatest degree?
3. What did Nehemiah do to crush the enemies?
4. How can the rebuilding of the walls be completed within such a short time as 52 days? (Try and found the answer from Chapters 1 ~ 6.)
5. What is the biggest task God gave you or your cell group now? What did you learn from Nehemiah’s leadership? What can you apply from his methods in leading his people rebuilding the walls?

Prayer:
Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you and we praise you. Thank you for teaching us. When we cast our trust on you alone, you will grant us wisdom that crushes the enemy’s conspiracies. We won’t step into the enemy’s snare, we would stand firm and not compromise to enemy’s threats and slanders. As we stand in awe before you and obey you, as we stand steadfast by following your words during crises, you alone will guide our steps and help us to accomplish whatever you entrusted us. Thank you Lord, you straighten us, you remind us to stay alert, and you chastise us, so that everything we do, we do to glorify your names. 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.