I. WELCOME, 15 mins.
Prepare a couple of simple, fun and delightful icebreakers to help your group warm up. Help your cell group members to lay aside their busyness and tiredness and 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:
- 1/25-2/22 Equipping Class
- 1/31 All Church Men’s Conference
- 2/14 Valentine’s Day Dinner
- 2/28 Men’s Breakfast

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. Through sharing and discussing God’s word, the group applies it to their daily life.

A. Sharing the 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’s 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: Jesus, the Word became flesh

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Preface:
The Gospel of John mainly emphasized the divine nature of Jesus so that people could clearly know that Jesus is God. Therefore, this book does not contain a genealogy, but clearly reveals the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is so that people can better understand that Jesus is God, and is the only Son of the Heavenly Father and that He was always with the Father. Because Jesus wanted to save the people of this world, He came into the world so that the people He created can come to know God and to receive the truth and the life. So through Him, we can come to the Father to receive abundant grace and to live out a glorious life as a testimony to God.

1. The Lord Jesus is God (vs. 1-5)
   a. The Lord Jesus is the Word (God’s word) (vs. 1-2)
      The Lord Jesus was with God before creation because He is one of the Trinity. The Trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They have equal honor and equal glory. The Son Jesus is God and is the Word.
   b. The Lord Jesus is the Lord of creation (vs. 3)
      The heavens and all of creation were created through God’s word, the Word, which is Jesus. God says, “Let there be light” and there was light. Whatever God said let there be, it appeared (please see Genesis 1). It is clearly seen that God through Jesus Christ created the entire world.
   c. The Lord Jesus is life and the true light (vs. 4-5)
      God created all human beings in His image (Genesis 1:26-28). God not only gave human beings physical life, but also gave them spiritual life. However, because man fell into sin, he became spiritually dead. As a result, the whole world also fell...
into Satan’s power of darkness. Even though the light has come into the world to be the light of all people, some are still under the control of Satan’s power and are not willing to receive the true light. Therefore, the life of Jesus is not in them.

2. The Lord Jesus is the true light (vs. 6-13, 15)
   
a. John the Baptist testified about Jesus (vs. 6-8, 15)
   
   God is full of grace and love. He intends to save people and to lead them out of darkness into God’s kingdom of light. Therefore, He sent John the Baptist into the world to testify about Jesus. 1) The Lord Jesus is the true light that the world has hoped for. He is also the Messiah that the Israelites had longed and hoped for (vs. 7). 2) John the Baptist preached a gospel of repentance. This is to testify about Jesus, however, John is not the true light of life (vs. 8). 3) When John the Baptist baptized Jesus, he saw the sign from the Heavenly Father - the person that the Holy Spirit descended upon is the life and the true light. Thus, from then on, he testified about Jesus (vs. 15).

b. Jesus came in the flesh (vs. 9-11)

   Jesus is the Word. The Word is the word of God. He came in the form of man, into the world of the people whom He created. Yet, they did not know He is the true light and they did not believe that He is the God of eternal life. They did not receive Jesus and did not allow themselves to belong to Jesus.

c. All who believe in Jesus will become the children of God (vs. 12-13).

   1) To believe in Jesus means to receive Jesus. When people open their hearts to welcome Jesus to enter their life and when they give the control of their life to Jesus, then in God’s kingdom they will have the identity and the status of being God’s children and have all that God has promised (vs. 12). 2) The life that a person receives from believing in Jesus is the life that is born of God, and it is not through man’s natural relationship or through heredity.

3. The Lord Jesus reveals God’s love (vs. 14, 16-18)
   
a. Jesus first gives grace and then teaches the truth (vs. 14, 16-17).

   1) Because of God’s everlasting love, He willingly gave His life to us first and then used His word (the truth) to teach us, to lead us away from the control of sin and to be totally set free (vs. 14). 2) This grace is grace upon grace. It is not only revealed to the people of Jesus’ time so that they can receive and taste His grace (vs. 16), but we can also taste this grace today. 3) The Law of Moses taught people to know that they sinned, to condemn people of their sins, yet it has no power to help people depart from the control of sin. However, the grace and truth that Jesus gives allow all who believe in Him to be able to depart from the control of sin.

b. The Lord Jesus reveals the Father (vs. 18).

   Through the incarnation of Jesus becoming man, people who saw Him was like seeing the Heavenly Father. In the same way, when people see us, it is like seeing Jesus Christ, because we believe in Jesus and belong to Him. Therefore, people call us Christians, meaning “little Christ’s”. We are believers in Jesus, who follow Him, and who live out the life like Jesus Christ.

Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs):

1. What do you think is “grace”? When you receive “grace”, how do you feel?
2. How do you know Jesus is God?
3. How can someone become a child of God? What special characteristics do God’s children possess?
4. Why did Jesus come in the flesh? What does this truth have to do with us?
5. What is the purpose of John the Baptist coming into the world? How can we be a present day John the Baptist?
Prayer:

Dear Abba Father in heaven, we praise you and thank you. Thank you for the grace and love you gave to us. While we were still sinners, living in darkness, you already planned a way for us to become your sons and daughters. This is not something that we can do, but it only by believing in your only Son, Jesus, and to receive Him as Lord and Savior so that we can have a part in your kingdom. Two thousand years ago, you sent John the Baptist to testify about Jesus. O Lord, today we also want to be sent by you into the midst of people to witness for Jesus. O Lord, we are willing to be channels for the gospel, to be used by you in our whole life, to proclaim Jesus, to testify your name, and to lead the lost back to your kingdom to become your sons and daughters. We thank you and we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen!

IV. WORK (Pray for each other), 10 mins.

Please break into group of 2 or 3 to pray for each other’s needs.