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:
- 8/16/1/25-2/22 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. 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: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Verses: John 6: 1-15
Memorizing Verses: “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” (John 6: 9)

We are familiar with the five loaves and two fish miracles. The book of Gospel all documented this story (Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17). The donation of five loaves and two fish from a little child can feed five thousand people through Jesus’ hands, and fill twelve baskets with pieces. Let us think what we can learn from this miracle and how to apply to daily life.

1. Jesus saw the needs of others (John 6: 1-6)
   A. People followed Jesus because they saw miracles (1-2):
      John has documented three miracles that Jesus performed prior to this – turning water into wine, healing of official’s son and the invalid at Bethed a pool. Many people followed Jesus to get help and healing because they believed in his power and authority in the miracle. They gathered to listen to Jesus’ preaching. It was late in the night and they didn’t have things to eat.
   B. Jesus had in mind what he was going to do (3-6):
      It was quite far away from the closest city to the mountainside of Sea of Galilee. Jesus knew they cannot get food nor can they afford to feed five thousand people. But he asked Philip “where shall we buy bread for these people to eat” to test him for Jesus already had in mind what he was going to do. Jesus pointed out a problem that only God can solve, not man.

2. Jesus can use what we have (6: 7-10)
   A. The disciples saw their shortage and insufficient (7-8):
      Philip saw the money issue and said even eight months wages were not enough to feed them all. He saw the weakness and shortage; his thoughts were negative because it’s about how man can do to resolve the issue, which is impossible. Phillip focused on the circumstance, difficulty,
helpless and man’s work. Jesus was teaching us not to be limited by circumstance and resources. Dare to dream big because God is bound to help us.

Andrew was different. He took one boy’s five loaves and two fish to Jesus, but deep in his heart he still thought it’s not enough. These two disciples had two different reactions to the problem – one saw the lack and inability to solve while the other one saw what they had but didn’t think it would help.

B. Jesus can use what the boy had (9-10):
The five loaves and two fish belonged to a boy. He selfishlessly and bravely donated to put in Jesus’ hands. God values those who are selfishless and totally depend on Him so that they can be a vessel for God to perform miracle. Jesus taught disciples to focus on what they have, not what they don’t have. They are willing to give everything they have to God in order to see miracles and experience God’s power and blessing.

3. Jesus fulfilled needs beyond expectation (6:11-15)
A. Jesus took loaves, gave thanks and distributed among people (11-13):
This was the Passover ceremony that Jesus and disciples celebrated. This little donation was put in Jesus’ hand, and after Jesus gave thanks the miracle happened. When they distributed the loaves and fish among the crowd, people get as much as they needed.

When they all had enough to eat, the disciples gathered the left over to avoid waste and filled twelve baskets. When you give what little you have to Jesus, you can accomplish big things. When you give what you have, God will give you back. The more you give, the more God will bless you abundantly beyond expectation.

B. People recognize Jesus is the Prophet to come to the world (14-15):
The five thousand people saw the miracle and knew that Jesus is the true God, the Messiah, the Prophet to come, the savior King, the one Moses said to be raised to lead the Israelites (Deuteronomy 18:15). People experienced the miracle so they forced Jesus to be the King, but Jesus knew that his time has not come yet so he withdrew to the mountain by himself.

Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs):
1. What reaction do you have when you see people begging at the crossroads?
2. When they see people’s needs, what different reaction does Jesus and disciples have?
3. How did Jesus test His disciples? What was their attitude? If you had been there, what would you do?
4. If you had been one of the disciples who witnessed and participated the miracle of feeding five thousand people, how do you feel? What’s your thought?
5. What’s your new finding in the miracle of feeding five thousand people? How did people perceive about Jesus?

Prayer:
Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for making it clear to us not to focus on the shortage in the circumstance, but rather focus on Jesus. That is to give what we have to you and at your disposal. Just as you distributed the loaves was the time when miracle happened. May you bless every member in the cell group that we are willing to commit ourselves to be used by you even though we don’t have enough resource and manpower. By doing this we will experience your abundant supply and the miracle like that of five loaves and two fish, and become a channel for your grace. 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.