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:
- 3/18 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting
- 3/28 Men’s Breakfast
- 3/29-6/7 Love & Logic Parenting Class
- 4/3 Good Friday Service
- 4/5 Easter Sunday

C. Newcomer: ______________ Confirm newcomer’s 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 is Christ, the light of the world

| Verses: John 9: 1-11, 35-41 |

Memorizing Verses: “As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (John 9: 4-5)

Isaiah the Prophet once prophesized when the Messiah (Christ, God’s anointed) comes, the blind will see (Isaiah 42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house). Jesus performed the miracle that only God can do (John 9:32-33) – heal the blind man – to prove himself to be the Messiah, the son of God. But those Pharisees who were familiar with the leaders in the Old Testament refused to remove the veil in their mind and recognize that Jesus was the Christ. Even though they verified that the blind man had been blind since he was born (9:18-20; 24), they had physical eyes to see, yet they were blind in their hearts. May God help every believer to see that Jesus is the light of the world!

1. Jesus is the light of the world (John 9: 1-5)
   A. Jesus corrects the wrongful, religious mindset (9:1-3):
      Jews had deep-rooted ideas that diseases and hardship were caused by sins, and the disciples around Jesus believed the same thing. They argued that the man was born blind. Could it be he sinned when he was conceived, or his parents sinned so the disease was passed down to him? Jesus pointed out that not all disease is the result of sin. This man was born to display the work of God.
   B. Jesus admonished the disciples to do the work of God while they are able (4-5):
      a. As ‘long as it is day’, we must do the works of him who sent us (9:4):
         God displays a healing miracle in the blind man and Isaiah’s prophecy (Isaiah 42:7) has come forth. Jesus’ time on earth was diminishing. Therefore, Jesus
admonished his disciples to do the work of God while they are still able.

b. Jesus’ proclamation: Jesus makes the blind to see, not only with their physical eyes, but also with their spiritual eyes, in order to see God’s miracle. Therefore, Jesus said “I’m the light of the world”.

2. Jesus healed the man who was born blind in order to prove that he is the Christ (9: 6-11).

A. Jesus’ healing (9:6-7):
   Jesus spit on the ground and made some mud with saliva to put on the man’s eyes, and told the man to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The blind man was unable to see until he obeyed and took action. (Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath.)

B. Healing testimony of the blind man (9: 8-11):
   When the blind man obeyed Jesus and acted upon it, then he could see. Everyone was so surprised that a man who was born blind should receive his sight! The Pharisees double-checked the man’s story as to whether he was born blind, or not. But the Pharisees, who were familiar with Isaiah’s prophecy and knew that only the Messiah could make the blind see, still hardened their hearts and denied that Jesus was the son of God.

3. Belief that Jesus is son of God and you will no longer be blind (9: 35-41)

A. Believe in Jesus and you will not live in darkness (9: 35-39):
   Jesus publicly admitted he is son of God. The man who was born blind, experienced his healing and believed he, also, was a son of God. After that, the man worshiped Jesus and lived in His kingdom of light.

B. The Pharisees became spiritually blind (9: 40-41):
   The stiff-necked Pharisees were knowledgeable but unwilling to believe that Jesus was the son of God. Even after seeing the miracle displayed in front of their eyes, they still didn’t believe, so they fell into the darkness of their sin.
   [‘Stiff-necked Pharisees’ means that they had not had a change in their hearts by being ‘born-again’ and by walking in faith and obedience to Jesus. Their darkness was their separation from a relationship with God, caused by their sin.]

Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs):
1. What do you think when you see someone physically challenged? How did Jesus look at them?
2. How did Jesus answer the disciples’ questions? Why did Jesus admonish them to do the work of God ‘while it is still day’?
3. How did Jesus heal the man who was born blind? How did the Pharisees treat this miracle?
4. How did Jesus use this miracle to display God’s work? (Refer to John 9:31-33)
5. Jesus revealed himself as the son of God through this miracle, but why did the Pharisees not believe in Jesus? Do you have similar hindrances? How do you overcome that?

Prayer:
Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you. Thank you for sending your only son Jesus to earth to become the light of the world. When the light comes, the darkness has to leave. Oh Lord, you saw us when we were still in the dark and led us out of the dark into your bright kingdom. What grace! We are willing to obey your command and do your work as long as it is ‘today’, and lead those who are still in the dark to know and believe in you to enter into your kingdom of light. Thank you hearing our prayers. We pray in Jesus’ precious name. Amen!

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

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