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:
- 3/29-6/7 Love & Logic Parenting Class
- 4/15 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting
- 4/29 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting
- 5/2 Women’s Brunch
- 5/10 Mother’s Day
- 5/15-17 Spring Retreat

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. 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: You should wash one another’s feet

Verses: John 13:1-17
Memorizing Verses: Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. (John 13:14)

Preface:
During the evening meal before Passover, the disciples were discussing which of them was considered to be greatest (Luke 22:24). There were no servants at the time to serve them. Nevertheless, they all sat there and no one was willing to serve the others. Yet, Jesus did not expose the condition of their hearts. Rather, he took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist, and became the lowliest person among them and served them. He poured water into a basin and began to wash their feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. Why did Jesus wash their feet?

1. The complete love of Jesus (vs. 1-3)
   a. The sacrificial love of Jesus that lays down his life for the world (vs. 1)
      1) It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Because of his love for the world, even though he is without sin, he substituted himself for the people of the world who have sin. He accepted a cruel death, dying on the cross to accomplish the grace of salvation.
   b. The hope-giving love of Jesus that gives us hope (vs. 2-3a)
      Jesus knew the Father had already given him those who belong to him. Jesus holds their future in his hands. His death will give them eternal life (John 3:16). They will receive a new life and possess a life blessed by God and a life filled with peace and hope. Even though Jesus faced Judas, the one chosen to betray him (2b), yet he still accepted and loved him.
   c. The obedient love of Jesus that obeys the Heavenly Father (vs. 3b)
      Jesus was with God in the beginning (John 1:1-2). He knows
he is obeying the Father’s will to come into the world to accomplish the mission of saving the people of the world. He will soon die to complete his mission and return to the Father. He and the Father share the same honor and glory, and he has kept his Father’s commands and to remain in his love (John 15:10). He is determined to do the will of the Father (John 6:38, Luke 22:41-42).

2. Jesus loved the disciples and washed the disciples’ feet (vs. 4-11)
   a. Love will bring humility (vs. 4-5)
      While the disciples were still arguing who is the greatest, with no servants there to serve them, and while none of them were willing to get up to serve the others by washing the others’ feet, the Lord Jesus got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist, and became like a servant to serve them. He poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. Because Jesus loved the disciples, he laid down his high and honorable position to humbly serve them.
   b. Love will bring connection (vs. 6-8)
      When it was Peter’s turn to have his feet washed, he was shocked. He is the servant of Jesus and the student of Jesus, how could he let Jesus wash his feet? Yet Jesus said this was so that he will have a part with him. Through the ministry of Jesus washing their feet, the disciples and the Lord Jesus have a real connection and fellowship. Their relationship with Jesus is real and eternal.
   c. Love is pure, not tainted with fleshly desires (vs. 9-11)
      1) Those who have cleansed their body only need their feet to be washed. Foot-washing is the proper etiquette that Jews do for their guests. In addition to showing their welcome and respect, foot-washing is also to wash off the dust and dirt from their feet. When Peter heard that this is so he can have a part with Jesus, he was overwhelmed with joy and wanted Jesus to wash his head and hands as well. He still could not understand what Jesus was referring to, that he has a true connecting relationship with the Lord Jesus.
      2) Judas mixed fleshly desires in his service.

3. Washing one another’s feet is a blessing (vs. 12-17)
   a. Jesus gave us the example. Jesus did not wash the disciples’ feet based on his own position, but it is because of 1) Love: Jesus loved those who belonged to him and he served them with his own life. We love the Lord and brothers and sisters, we should also use our life to serve one another. 2) Lowered himself, vs. 14: Jesus is Lord. He is supremely honored and glorious, yet he lowered himself to wash the disciples’ feet. No matter what our position is today, we should be willing to do the lowliest service. 3) Obedience, vs. 15-16: Jesus is Lord and he is the teacher, yet he still washed his disciples’ feet. We who follow and obey Jesus should also do what he did. It is not for our own pleasure or for others to see, but we should proactively participate in various services at church.
   b. The blessings of washing one another’s feet (vs. 17).
      When brothers and sisters because of their love for God and people, obey the teachings of Jesus, not caring about how high or how low the service is, then the fellowship with one another will be unobstructed and unhindered. This can bring unity to the church so that those who belong to God will not be wandering outside and will come back to God’s family. At the same time, it will give those who don’t know the Lord a good witness, so they can see God’s love flowing among us. This will attract them to know God and lead them to come back to God, to become God’s children, so they can enjoy with us the blessings God has given to us.

Even though Judas traveled with Jesus and the disciples, ate together with them, and received the ministry from Jesus who washed his feet, and heard the things Jesus said to Peter, yet he was not moved one bit, because he did not love Jesus. He despised the blessings of being connected to the Lord. His eyes were focused on the world and money. Thus when the devil tempted Judas, he did not resist, and he did not endure this temptation. He allowed the temptation to give birth inside him to sin by betraying Jesus for the silver coins.
Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs):

1. What do you most enjoy doing for your family? Why?
2. Why is the love of Jesus complete? What is the meaning of Jesus washing the disciples’ feet?
3. What is the example we can learn from Jesus in his washing the disciples’ feet?
4. Jesus knew Judas would betray him, yet he still washed his feet. What inspiration or help does this provide for your attitude in serving?
5. In the cell group and church, how should we wash one another’s feet? Come up with a list of concrete examples.

Prayer:

Dear Abba Father in heaven, we praise you and thank you. Thank you for loving us with an everlasting love. When we are weak, you support us and build us up. Help us to be strong in you when we face difficulties and temptations. O Lord! Please help me to learn from your example, so that through love and humility, I can serve my brothers and sisters, family, coworkers, and testify to your name. We thank you and pray in the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen!

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

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