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:
- 3/29-6/7 Love & Logic Parenting Class
- 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 for 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 the Resurrection and the Life

Verses: John 14: 1-14
Memorizing Verses: I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14: 6)

When the disciples heard that Jesus was going to leave them and return to the Father but they couldn’t go with Him (John 13:33), they were filled with panic and worry because Jesus had looked after them. After Jesus left, they were like sheep without a shepherd and likely to be prosecuted by the Pharisees. They didn’t know what might happen to them. Jesus knew their struggles and comforted them with his promise that they might have a hope about the future.

1. Jesus prepared the way to an everlasting place for the disciples (John 14: 1-4)

   A. Jesus comforts the disciples (1):
      a) Jesus told the disciples not to let their hearts be troubled: Jesus’ return to the Father didn’t mean that he would leave them behind. Jesus comforts the helpless disciples.
      b) Jesus wants them to believe His words: Jesus explains that all of His promises will come true in order to make the disciples fervently expect his return and to hold on to His teachings and to pass down the Great Commission.

   B. Jesus prepared a dwelling place for disciples (John 14: 2-4):
      a) Our everlasting place is with our Father: we are foreigners and strangers in this world. Our home is in heaven where our Father dwells (Hebrews 11).
      b) Jesus has prepared a place for us: Jesus not only prepares a place for those who believe in him, but also promises to take us there.

2. Jesus is the only way to life (14: 5-11).

   A. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:5-6): the disciples cannot see the way Jesus mentioned and still be worried. Jesus is the only way. Jesus said to Thomas:
a) “I am the way”: The Father planned the redemptive grace for us and Jesus became the way. When we believe in Jesus and become God’s son and daughter, we can come fearlessly in front of the throne to call, “Abba Father.”

b) “I am the truth”: Jesus becomes flesh to the world, his words, action and teaching exemplifies the truth. What Jesus says will never change and His promises will be fulfilled. We need to experience more of Christ to understand the truth.

c) “I am the life”: God is the origin of our life (Psalm 36:9). Jesus gave us life. Those who believe in Jesus will not perish but enjoy everlasting life (3:16)

d) Jesus is the only way to Father: we cannot go to the Father with our good deeds or behavior, but rather we must believe that Jesus is the son of God and repent to receive God’s redemptive grace and be reconciled with the Lord.

B. Knowing Jesus is knowing the Father (14: 7-11):
   a) Knowing God through Jesus’ teaching: Jesus teaches what the Father has said.
   b) Knowing God through Jesus’ actions: people know our Father through the miracles and healings that Jesus performed.
   c) God the Father and Jesus are one: God is three in one; Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Him.

3. Jesus promised disciples to do greater things (14: 12-14)
   A. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit after he went to the Father: the reason Jesus went to the Father was to send Holy Spirit for us. We can do greater things because of Jesus’ authority and the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants everyone repent to be saved and that no one should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Jesus was limited to the corporal body while he was among us. He can only work in one place. But the Holy Spirit can work in several places at the same time. His work is wider and greater. Hence, the disciples not only can perform healing (Matthew 10:8), but also preach the Gospel like that in the book of Acts. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter and other disciples stood up to testify for Jesus and led three thousand people to the Lord. And today Reinhard Bonnke has preached in Africa and led millions of people to the Lord. All of this proves the powerful results of the Holy Spirit’s work.

   B. Authority of prayer by faith (14:13-14): In addition to the work of the Holy Spirit, we need to pray for God’s kingdom to come by faith. Our prayer authority lies in:
      a) The name of Jesus: Jesus is our intercessor. We need to pray in the Name of Jesus and he will add power for us to accomplish the assignment.
      b) Glorifying Father: When people see the things that Jesus planned to do were carried out by his disciples, they not only witness that God is a true and living God, but they also will give glory to the Lord.

Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs):
1. How do you comfort those who are worried about their future?
2. How did Jesus comfort the disciples? What kind of confirmation did he give to the disciples?
3. Why is Jesus the only way to everlasting life? How is this different than other religions? How do you know that Jesus is the way to life? (Note: no other religion proclaims itself as God, the only way to everlasting life like Jesus)
4. What did Jesus do while he was on earth? Why did Jesus promise we will do greater things? How can you do greater things than Jesus? (Hint: by the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer)
5. How can your cell group do greater and more concrete things for Jesus by the end of 2015?

Prayer:
Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you and praise you, you look after us forever. You not only give us salvation, but also give us an everlasting place where we can be with you forever. We look forward to that day! Father God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit to empower us for greater things to accomplish our commission to bring the nations and people to believe and worship you. 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.