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
- 5/27 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting
- 5/31 & 6/14 Baptism Class
- 6/14 English Family Luncheon
- 6/21 Baptism Service @ 3:30pm

C. Newcomer: ____________ Confirm newcomers’ names 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 completed the salvation

| Verses: John 19:17-30 |
| Memorizing Verses: When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (John 19:30) |

Preface:
Pilate could not find anything against Jesus, but the Jews insisted that Jesus be crucified on the cross. The people would rather free the criminal Barabbas. Pilate then had Jesus flogged and the soldiers used thorns to make a crown to put on His head. They clothed Jesus with a purple robe and mocked Jesus saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” Then they used their hands to hit him. Pilate interrogated Jesus asking Him who He really was, thinking he can use his position as the Governor of Judea, to set Jesus free. But the unyielding Jews shouted, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.” Therefore, Pilate gave Jesus to them to be crucified on the cross.

1. Jesus is crucified (19:17-24)
   a. The charge against Jesus (vs. 17-22)
      1) Carrying His own cross, Jesus went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified Him. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Thank the Lord that the charge against Jesus is not a sin, because He is completely without sin, and He is the “King of the Jews”.

2. Secondly, these words were written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. These were the three most common languages during that time. They were written for the people of that time to see. Jesus was crucified for all sinners. He is not only the King of the Jews, He is also KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. He is also the Lord and King in the hearts of all who acknowledge Jesus as their Lord. Moreover, He is the Prince of Peace and He will come again to rule over the earth, to be our true King (Revelations 19:16).
3) The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” The Jews did not acknowledge Jesus was the Messiah, the King who is to come, but wanted to put Jesus to death. They had no other way except to use the charge that Jesus called Himself the King of the Jews to use this to accuse Jesus. Pilate’s interrogation of Jesus was also to ask Him whether He was the “King of the Jews” (18:33). This charge has from Pilate’s heart, a sarcastic and mocking and triumphant tone to it — “I have crucified your ‘King of the Jews’”.

b. Fulfilling the Scriptures (vs. 23-24)

In John’s recording of the crucifixion of Jesus, the first thing he recorded was the soldiers dividing Jesus’ outer clothing into four pieces and casting lots for his undergarment. John especially emphasized this, saying that this was to fulfill what Scripture said, “They divided My clothes among them and cast lots for My garment.” This garment was originally one piece from top to bottom. At that time, this garment was very exquisite. The soldiers divided the outer clothes, but they were unwilling to damage this expensive, inner garment. Therefore, they cast lots to see who gets the inner garment. This is to fulfill what Psalm 22:18 said. Many times John wrote, “this happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled”. In truth, Jesus’ birth, sufferings, death, crucifixion on the cross, burial, resurrection, and all the details are to fulfill what the prophets prophesied in the Old Testament. This is also what the Heavenly Father planned before the creation of the world. After John used the Scripture, he added these words, “So this is what the soldiers did.” We see that Jesus completely obeyed the Father’s will to fulfill the plan of salvation.

2. Jesus fulfilled His role as the son (19:25-27)

Before Jesus was about to die, He asked His beloved disciple, John, to do one thing for Him; to take over His responsibility as the first-born son, the responsibility to care for His parents. Jesus said to His mother, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” During such a painful time for Jesus, He still remembered His mother. Even though He is the Son of God, but in the flesh He is still the first-born son of Mary. According to the Ten Commandment, He should honor His parents and fulfill His role as the son. Now as He is about to leave the world, having completed His responsibility on earth and returning back to His heavenly home, He entrusted His beloved mother to His beloved disciple. “From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.” Jesus trusts his beloved disciple, John, that during these three and a half years of following Him, Jesus can now peacefully entrust the care of His mother to him. John also did not neglect what Jesus entrusted to him, and from that time on, he treated Mary as his own mother.

3. Jesus completed Salvation (19:28-30)

a. Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” (vs. 28-29). After Jesus entrusted His mother to John, He knew that everything had now been finished. He knew His time to be glorified was near. With the sufferings Jesus experienced - His body being flogged, bleeding, being hung on the cross and exposed to the scorching sun, He was already, seriously dehydrated. This is why He said, “I am thirsty.” Even though He is the Son of God, yet He is also completely human. He is willing to bear all the sufferings on Himself for the sins of the world. He was thirsty, just like anyone would be thirsty in this situation. By saying, “I am thirsty” it is again so “that the Scripture might be fulfilled” – “They … gave me vinegar for my thirst.” (Psalm 69:21) There was a jar of wine vinegar there and they soaked a sponge in it. Then they put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

b. Jesus said, “It is finished.” (vs. 30). “When He had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.” Jesus is the Son of God. He completely obeyed and was willing to take the initiative to give up His spirit and entrust Himself to the Heavenly Father, to be the sacrifice for sin - the unblemished lamb offered on the altar, to fulfill the salvation of God. The last words He spoke on the cross were, “It is finished” and not “I am finished.” These words are rather saying that everything is fulfilled and completed. He voluntarily entrusted His spirit to the Father and completely obeyed the Father according to the plan of the Father and finished the mission entrusted to Him. On the cross, He formally proclaimed that He had already fulfilled this great salvation.
Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs):

1. Have you ever seen the movie of the sufferings and crucifixion of Jesus? What thoughts do you have about Jesus’ sufferings and being crucified on the cross?

2. Why did the chief priests oppose Pilate’s writing of the charge against Jesus as “King of the Jews”? Why did Pilate insist on keeping it this way?

3. Why did John again and again emphasize, “this happened so that the Scripture might be fulfilled”? How does this relate to Jesus being the Son of God?

4. Why did Jesus entrust His mother to John? What inspiration does this have for us towards, “honor your parents in the Lord”?

5. How do the last words of Jesus, “It is finished” relate to you? What did Jesus really accomplish for us?

Prayer:

Dear Abba Father in heaven, we thank you. Thank you for sending Jesus to come into the world for our sins and letting Jesus be crucified on the cross. What a blessing we truly have to receive this great salvation so that we can become children of God. If it were not for Jesus being on the cross to substitute for our sins, we would still be living in sin today. God, we thank you, for your love is so high, so wide, and so deep. 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.