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:
- 9/13-12/13 Experiencing God: Equipping Class @ 11:30am
- 10/17 Mission Talent Benefit Show for missionaries and daughter churches.
- 10/23-24 Leader’s Annual Planning Retreat
- 10/28 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- 10/31 Hallelujah Party

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. 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: Testimony of walking in the light

Verses: 1 John 2:3-2:14
Memorizing Verses: But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: (1 John 2:5)

Preface:
In the first chapter, John emphasized that we need to fellowship with the Lord and walk in the light. In the second chapter, John continues to describe the appropriate conduct and testimony of walking in the light. He emphasizes the importance of knowing God, obeying God, and keeping the commands of God. Only by obeying God’s commands and doing His commands, such as loving brothers and sisters, loving one another, and helping each other in the church can we truly walk in the light.

1. Obey the Lord’s commands, living according to the word of the Lord (2:3-6)
   a. We need to know God (2:3-4): John once again points out the fallacies of Gnosticism. They called themselves people who know God and have salvation. Yet, at the same time their conduct does not follow the teachings of the Bible. This is not the way people who know God should act. The people who truly know God must truly follow the will and commands of God. John rebukes these people as liars, who do not have God’s truth in them.
   b. We need to obey God (2:5-6): After we believed in the Lord, we are united with Him and we received a new life from God. This life journey continues as we are renewed in our hearts and transformed, so that we can test and approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:2). Following the will of God is to live in the Lord. God’s love will be made truly complete and be shown in our lives.

2. Live out the new command, love your brothers and sisters (2:7-11)
   a. The Lord’s new command (2:7-8): To love others as ourselves is a command that is recorded in the book of Leviticus (see Leviticus 19:18). Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments to love God (first 4 commandments) and love people (last 6
commandments). And He gave a new command – the disciples must love each other. Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35). Jesus is the true light. He came to take away the darkness, for in Jesus there is no darkness and no falsehood. Jesus personally modeled the new command to love each other for the disciples. He also asked the disciples to truly practice this, and not just let it be head-knowledge. We not only should stay far away from the darkness, walk in the light, but also the love of the Lord in us should also light this world.

b. We need to love our brothers and sisters (2:9-11): If we believe in Jesus, walk in the light and know God’s command is to love our brothers and sisters, yet we do not live this out, but rather we hate our brothers and sisters, then we are walking in the darkness. If a person is in the light, yet his eyes are blind, then he will surely stumble. At the time, the Gnostic teachings thought that the spirit is good and the flesh is evil. Therefore, they thought they only needed the spirit to know God and communicate with God, and their actions don’t need to follow God’s commandments. John especially emphasizes that we need to follow the Lord’s commands, and truly love our brothers and sisters in the Lord from the heart.

c. Fathers (2:13-14): This is referring to brothers and sisters who were there from the beginning. Their knowledge of God is very clear, not like the surface and erroneous knowledge of Gnosticism. From the moment they believed in the Lord, they have walked with God, knew that Jesus came in the flesh, and they knew Jesus was with God in the beginning. They have followed God for a long time and they know God and obey God’s word because they have experienced God’s works in their lives. At the same time, they have overcome the temptations, seductions, and attacks.

Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs of the members):

1. Please share a simple life testimony which you have heard or seen that most touched you.
2. Why is knowing God, obeying God, and loving brothers and sisters the outcome of walking in the light? Which one do you feel is the most difficult to do?
3. Why does John emphasize the new command? What is the new command? How can you live out this new command?
4. The cell group have members from different backgrounds who have different life journeys in knowing God. How can we accept each other, help each other, and co-work with each other?
5. Let the cell leader lead the cell group members to share and
discuss how to love each other. If the cell group have participated in the “Love Your Neighbor” activity, please share what you felt from the “Love Your Neighbor” activity and what you gained from it.

Prayer:

Dear Abba Father in heaven, we thank You for making us Your sons and daughters so we can have fellowship with You and able to walk in the light. Please help us to obey Your will, follow your commands, and truly love our brothers and sisters without any falsehood. Help us to accept the different people in our cell group, who have different personalities and gifts. Help us to co-work with each other and learn from each other to know You and overcome the evil one. Thank You for Your grace. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen!

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

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