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
- 11/11 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting
- 11/17 English Leaders Meeting
- 11/22 Thanksgiving/Appreciation Luncheon
- 11/25 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting
- 12/12 Christmas Party @ 6:30pm

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: You are truly the children of God

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Preface:
Those who are parents have this experience. When your children are happy, you are happy with them, sometimes even happier than them. However, when they are sad, you feel bad for them and sometimes you may even feel worse than them. However for children, they may not even seem to care about the feelings of their parents.

Before parents have children, they may not be so sensitive to their parents’ feelings, but when they become parents, they will start to pay more and more attention to their parents’ feelings and start to be more caring about their own parents.

We are God’s children. Do we often overlook the feelings of our Heavenly Father? As children of the Heavenly Father, let us start from now on to be more caring about the feelings of our Father in heaven!

1. God’s children (3:1-3)
   a. Have a very honorable position (3:1):
      The elderly John reminds the brothers and sisters by saying that the creator of the heavens and the earth actually called us, who are such minute people on the earth, as His sons and daughters. We have been given such a great grace from God to become His children. We must never belittle such an honorable position. We must never forget this rich grace from our Heavenly Father.
      
      The people of the world do not know God. They naturally can’t see the value of the honorable position that God’s children have. We should not follow or imitate the people of the world. We should value God’s grace and our position and live our lives as testimony’s appropriate for God’s children.
   
   b. Have a very wonderful future (3:2-3):
      Man was originally created in God’s glorious image and likeness. But because man sinned and was corrupted, humans lost the glorious image of God. Today, through God’s Son we have not only received the title of being God’s children, but we
are also once again restored in God’s glorious image and likeness. We do not know how glorious is God’s glorious likeness, but when the Lord appears again, we will be completely like Him. How can we be more and more like Him? We need to abide in the Lord and live a pure and holy life. Since the Gnostics at the time emphasized that sins committed in the flesh do not affect their spiritual life. Therefore, the elderly John especially reminds us that we are truly children of God and we need to live a life that is like the children of God.

2. The attitude of God’s children towards sin (3:4-6)
   a. Lawlessness is sin (3:4): The standards Christians have towards sin are based on the eternal and unchanging law of Christ. Yet the standards the people of the world have towards sin are based on the rules they set up for themselves. However, these rules may often change according to the environment and situation. God’s children must keep firmly to God’s word and live a holy and pure life.
   b. God’s children do not sin because of the salvation grace of Jesus Christ on the cross (3:5): The Lord Jesus Christ came in the flesh the first time to live among us and through the salvation grace on the cross; He cleansed us from all of our sins. Because He is completely sinless, therefore, He can be our propitiation sacrifice. God’s children need to live a pure life and not be seduced by false teachings of heresies, because the Lord Jesus has already taken away your sins!
   c. God’s children who abide in the Lord, will not continue to sin (3:6): There’s no doubt that we live in a world that often tempts us to sin. Yet the Lord Jesus has already taken away our sins. If we want to be completely victorious over sin, we need to always abide in the Lord. Today, there are God’s children who sin because they do not abide in the Lord. Rather, they are separated from the Lord or have strayed away from the Lord.

3. The key for God’s children to have victory over sin (3:7-10)
   a. Depend on the Lord Jesus to destroy the devil’s work (3:7-8): The devil Satan has been sinning from the beginning. Therefore, those who sin belong to the children of the devil. People sin because of the temptations and seductions of the devil. But today God’s Son Jesus Christ has already been revealed. He has already destroyed the devil’s work. God’s children should depend on the Lord to have victory over the devil. Therefore, God’s children can keep from sinning!
   b. Depend on God’s seed to have victory (3:9): God’s seed has 3 meanings: 1) It is referring to God’s life. When a person is saved, God’s life is planted in the believer. 2) It is referring to the Holy Spirit. When we believe in the Lord, the Holy Spirit gives us rebirth so that we can start a new life. 3) It is referring to God’s word. God’s life is sown in people’s hearts through God’s word. It will spring up, grow, and bear fruit. (Reference Matthew 13:18-23)
   c. God’s children will live out the life and nature that belongs to God (3:10): God’s children are born of God. Therefore, they will naturally have the life and nature that belongs to God. They will do what is righteous and love their brothers and sisters, which are the characteristics of God’s children. To not do what is righteous and not love their brothers and sisters are the characteristics of the devil’s children.

Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs of the members):
1. Please share what are the good traits you have learned from your parents?
2. What kind of attitude should God’s children have towards sin? Why can God’s children not sin?
3. How can God’s children have victory over sin? What keys have the apostle John told us?
4. You are God’s children. What does this title and position mean to you? How should you live your life as God’s children?
5. The apostle John said “they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God”. Can Christians really not sin? If your answer is yes, then how can you do it?

Prayer:
Dear Abba Father in heaven, thank You for loving us so much that You let Your Son bore our sins and gave us the honorable title and
position as God’s children. Please help us to be willing to obey your commands and live a sanctified life. May the Holy Spirit Who lives in us teach us to understand Your word and lead us to live a life that pleases You - because we are truly Your beloved sons and daughters. Thank You for Your rich grace. Listen to our prayer. 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.