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:
   - 1/20 Bi-Weekly Prayer Meeting @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall
   - 1/23 Men’s Breakfast @ 9am in E5
   - 1/31 & 2/7 Healing Team Training
   - 2/8 Chinese New Year Celebration @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

   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 Need to Rise Up and Build Shekinah Glory

   **Verses:** Haggai 2:1-9

   **Memorizing Verses:** I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.” (Haggai 2:7-9)

   Preface:
   God calls his people to build a glorious temple for the Lord. God’s moment is now rather than later. Jesus gave us the perfect example while on earth — taking advantage of daylight to do the Lord's work.
   Jesus obeyed the Father's will and took advantage of the day to do His work. In the same way, God the Father also works diligently. Jesus said, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working" (John 5:17). Since our God, our Lord works immediately and diligently, then as children of God and servants of the Lord, shouldn’t we also immediately start doing God’s work?
   Some people do not work because of the following reasons: 1. I have never done any work, so I don’t know how to start. 2. I have done some work but failed in the past, so I am afraid to start again. 3. I encountered difficulties while working don’t know how to handle it. 4. Being lazy by nature and don’t want to work.
   Perhaps someone among us has experienced these difficulties, so they are hesitant to move forward. But today God has fervently called us to be strong and do His work immediately. As long as you have a heart willing to do the Lord’s work, you will experience the joy of "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).
thanksgiving for the provision that God has done that year. The elders back then had witnessed King Solomon build the magnificent temple. Yet, when compared with the temple they were building it looked so simple, and they became really discouraged and unable to stay strong. So from June 24th until now, it had been almost a month yet the building progressed very slowly. That’s because they were relying on their sight, thinking that no matter how hard they tried, the new temple would never be better than the old one built by King Solomon. That is why they didn’t work diligently.

2. To build the glorious house of God, one must believe in the promise of God (Haggai 2:4-5):
   a. God’s Word makes us strong (2:4):
      Haggai again preached the word of the Lord. He respectively spoke to the political leaders of Zerubbabel, Joshua the religious leader, and to the people. Haggai told them that although the situation you see is real, “Be strong, be strong, be strong and now get to work.” However, it was very obvious that they were discouraged, weak, and not even close to being strong. But "For no word from God will ever fail"(Luke 1:37). At the same time God promised them saying “For I am with you”. He is faithful, so when God says He will be with you, He will be! When you have God, you have everything!
   b. We can trust God’s faithfulness (2:5a):
      God honors His promises and keeps His covenant of love. When the Israelites were led out of Egypt they were weak, yet God has always led the Israelites faithfully. It is because of his faithfulness that allows us to know we can trust in him.
   c. God’s spirit sets us free from fear (2:5c):
      When God says his Spirit dwells among you, it means that the presence of the Lord is here, and we no longer have to be afraid!

3. Be strong and build the glorious house of God (Haggai 2:6-9)
   a. Because God will provide (2:6-8):
      When building the house of the Lord, the thing that people are the most worried about is the funding. How can you build anything when there’s no money? We all know money isn’t everything, but without it we can’t do anything. Yet when we are doing God’s work, the most important thing isn’t money, but one’s heart. If one has a willing heart, God can use a man with heart to accomplish His work! God is the Lord of the whole world and everything belongs to Him. So, when doing the Lords work you don’t need to worry about funding. Rather, God will provide to those who are willing to complete His work. God will shake the nations and ship gold and silver (enough funding) here. Remember when they returned to Jerusalem, King Cyrus sent Treasurer Mithredath to hand them the articles belonging to the temple (Ezra 1:8-11). Again, when they returned back to Jerusalem, some of the heads of the families gave free will offerings of 61,000 darics of gold and other valuable goods (Ezra 2:68-69). When they decided to build the temple, King Darius ordered that the money from the revenue of Trans-Euphrates to pay all the expenses of the construction of the house of God without delay (Ezra 6:8-9). As you can see, God provided all funding need to do His work.
   b. Because God will fill His Temple with great glory (2:7b, 9a):
      When they are willing to rise up and be strong in working together for the Lord, God promised them that His presence will fill the Temple and His glory will be greater than the glory of the former temple built by King Solomon. This is because they built the house of God during great difficulty, wholly relied on God, became more courageous and strong, and worked together in unity to build His Temple.
   c. Because God will give peace to those who are courageous working for the Lord (2:9b):
      What people need the most while building the house of the Lord is peace. Not only peace and safety while working, but also peace inside of their hearts. Sixteen years ago, it was because of the attack of the enemy that caused them to not have peace within their hearts and they stopped working. Today, with God’s promises, they can work with peace and bold hearts.
Discussion (please choose the topic according to the needs of the members):

1. Please share your experience when you feel disappointed or frustrated. What words of comfort or encouragement do you want to hear the most?

2. What made those who feared the attack of the enemy be strong again? Do you have a similar experience? How did you overcome the fear?

3. How did God help them, when they were willing to work for the Lord and be strong? How does it apply to you?

4. What is your greatest expectation in building the house of Shekinah Glory? How do we prepare ourselves to welcome the manifestation of God among us?

5. The building of the house of God needs an enormous amount of money. God has promised that He will shake the nations and ship the gold and silver here. What can we do during this process as a person, a cell group, or even as a zone, so that the building fund would be adequate?

Prayer:

Dear Abba Father in heaven, we thank You and praise You because when we were weak, You spoke to us directly “Be strong!” You promised us that You will be with us and this gives us strong encouragement and comfort. During this time when the church is preparing to build, please helps us to understand Your heart and Your will so that the whole church can work together in unity to build the glorious house of God. We believe the coming temple’s glory will be greater than the glory of the past. Thank you for hearing our Prayer! We pray together in the precious name of 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.