Triumph Over Enemy

I. WELCOME, 15 mins.
Plan one to two icebreakers for the purpose of mixing around and getting group participation or getting acquainted.

II. WORSHIP, 20 mins.
Prayerfully choose a few songs to lead people into God’s presence. During this time, cell leaders will encourage cell members to listen to the Holy Spirit and release the words of strengthening, encouragement, and comfort they have received for the cell group, the church, and nations. Upon each word shared, the cell leader will lead members by thanking and praising God for His promise and/or praying aloud together for the needs, etc.

During this time, the cell leader will also lead the group to pray aloud for: (1) the mission organization or daughter church that the cell group adopts (2) the church ministry needs (3) blessings for new comers, the sick.

MISSION ORGANIZATION: __________________, their needs: __________________
(Please contact the church if you don’t know the needs of the mission organization.)

CHURCH MINISTRY:

III. WORD, 45 mins.
A. Sharing from last Sunday’s message.
1. How do you apply the promises of Jeshurun to your life?
2. What actions have you taken after hearing the message?

B. Discussion Topic: “Triumph Over Enemy”

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 2:1-17
Memory Verse: But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere. (2 Corinthians 2:14 NIV)

1. It is God who leads us in triumphal procession in Christ over our enemy (2 Corinthians 2:14): The secret of triumphing over enemy:
   1. We need to follow God tightly: The fact that we can be triumphant over enemy is not because the enemy is fearful of us nor is it because that we possess special abilities. It is because of God. Christ had already completely vanquished the enemy (Hebrews 2:14, Ephesians 4:8). When we are together with Christ, the enemy is fearful of us. Once we are away from Christ, the enemy can bully us however he wishes to. Only in Christ do we have a firm ground to triumph over the enemy. Apart from Him, we will be not be able to do anything (John 15:5).

2. Need to shout with the voice of triumph: Because our Lord Jesus had already conquered the enemy and destroyed the one with the power of death (Hebrews 2:14). We are not just conqueror but more than conqueror. (Romans 8:37) Hence we need to shout with the voice of triumph. This is not just a proclamation, but it is also a type of rousing of faith to shatter the schemes of the enemy (1 Peter 5:8, Psalms 8:2).

3. Need to spread the Gospel everywhere: God wants us to spread the secret of triumphing over the enemy everywhere so that the scheme of the enemy in the world will be destroyed. This will allow the army of the Lord to become larger and stronger as more and more are saved and become triumphant. (Matthews 28:19-20).

2. Fragrant aroma of those in triumphant procession (2 Corinthians 2:15:17):
   1. Fragrant aroma of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:15-17): This fragrant aroma is the testimony from the lives of Christians. This aroma is generated from knowing Christ. The more you come to know Christ, the richer this fragrant aroma gets and the bigger result it brings.

2. Two aspects of this fragrant aroma (2 Corinthian 2:16):
   a. Aroma leads those who are being saved to salvation: When our lives bear witness, the hearts of people will be moved as they desire the life we live. Hence their hearts will be opened and the fragrant aroma of Christ can enter into their hearts and leads them to salvation and bear fruit. This is the fruit of salvation.
   b. Aroma leads those who are perishing to death: Although the living testimonies of Christians may be witnessed by some people, those people’s hearts may be hardened or be under bondage due to other reasons, and they would not be willing to accept salvation. In this case the fragrant aroma becomes an offensive aroma that leads them to death.

3. Become the fragrant aromas of God sincerely (2 Corinthians 2:17): Regardless of whether the fruit brought by this aroma is salvation or death, the responsibility of all of children of God is to sincerely live out the lives that shows that we belong to God and to faithfully share the Gospel.
3. **The actions of ones in the triumphant procession** (2 Corinthians 2:1-13):

   1. **Able to use love to bring back the weak** (2 Corinthians 2:1-4): When faced with those that are lost, we need to have merciful heart and should not be eager to convict them. We should always gently bring them back with love (Galatians 6:1). This is because Christ always saved us the sinners (1 John 2:2). We need to always remember that God always gives us second chance (2 Peter 3:9) and the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15).

   2. **Able to show steadfast love to the weak** (2 Corinthians 2:5-8): Steadfast love is the love of God. Only when one’s first greatly filled by the love of the Lord will one have the ability to love. The Spirit dwells in your heart and the Spirit has already poured out the love of the Father unto us (Romans 5:5).

   3. **Able to learn the lesson of forgiveness on each other in the family of God** (2 Corinthians 2:9-13): The work of Satan is to destroy the testimony of unity (John 10:10). He works especially hard in the church and in the family in destroying the testimony of unity. Hence the children of God need to strive to learn the lesson of forgiving one another because this is the conduct of one in the triumphant procession. It is also the best weapon for destroying the scheme of Satan.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. **What kind of attitude that you use on the family members, friends, and cell group members that have made mistakes? What were the results? How would you improve if you can do it over again?**

2. **What kind of attitude in treating the weak have you learned from the example of Paul?**

3. **When you are weak physically or spiritually, what kind of help do you desire the most? Has someone ever given you effective and timely help? How did you feel then?**

4. **Have you ever had disagreements with others while serving? How did you deal with it? What was the result? How’s your current relationship with those that disagreed with you? Are you still willing to work together with them? Why?**

5. **With the words of Paul in mind, how can you have better interaction with other group members in the cell group?**

6. **What is the thing that you worry the most? One that you can’t let go? Do you know the meaning of boast triumphantly? How can you boast triumphantly to the enemy?**

7. **Cell group leader please lead the members in prayer with today’s verse and bring the worries of the members to God and entrusting all the matter to Him.**

**Prayer:**

Dear Lord, we thank You and we praise You because You have overcome all of the enemies. You are the King. You said that all authorities have been given to You in the heaven and the earth. Now in Your name we denounce all the works of the enemy. We entreat that You once again lead us in the triumphant procession in Christ daily. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen!

**IV. WORK (Pray for each other), 10 mins.**

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