

1. Freedom to choose

- a) If God knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9-10), including our poor choices, why did He create our first parents with the freedom to choose?
- b) What item did our Creator place in the Garden of Eden that would test our first parents' freedom to choose to obey His command? Genesis 2:8-9,15-17
- c) Why did our Creator place a forbidden tree in the midst of the garden? What was the bigger picture that might not have been readily apparent to Adam and Eve?
- d) What foolish choice did our first parents make? Genesis 3:1-6
- e) What were some of the consequences of choosing to disobey God? Genesis 3:19, 23-24
- f) If God is all loving (1 John 4:8), why didn't He warn our first parents about the adversary who was seeking to lure them toward destruction? (see Revelation 12:7-12)
- g) Do you think freedom of choice is a good idea? Why?
- h) Share a time when you exercised your freedom to choose in a wrong way. What did you learn from that experience?

2. Earnest appeal to choose life

- a) What appeal did Moses make to the children of Israel at the close of his life? Deuteronomy 30:15-19
- b) What does this earnest appeal tell us about Moses?
- c) How does our decision to choose life impact those around us? Deuteronomy 30:19b

- d) What can we learn from the teaching of the apostle John in 1 John 5:11-13 about the way to choose life?
- e) When did you make the decision to choose life by accepting Jesus as your personal Savior?
- f) How has your decision to choose life changed your perspective on day to day living?

3. Motivated by love

- a) Deuteronomy 30:20 What motivation does the LORD desire for those who obey Him?
- b) Where else in the Scriptures can we find a strong correlation between a loving relationship with God and obedience? John 14:15, etc.
- c) What evidence can you find in the Scriptures that the whole plan of salvation is motivated by love? John 3:16, 1 John 4:7-10, etc.
- d) What does worship that is motivated by love look like?
- e) What are your thoughts about spending eternity with One who loves you with an immeasurable and unfailing love?

