1. The Restoration of Israel
   a) What was the early expectation of the disciples regarding Jesus? Luke 24:21
   b) How did this expectation affect their behavior? Mark 10:35–37
   c) What misunderstanding persisted even after Jesus was raised from the dead? Acts 1:6
   d) How did Jesus respond? Acts 1:7
   e) Why were the disciples so preoccupied with the establishment of Messiah’s kingdom on earth?

2. The Disciples’ Mission
   a) Acts 1:8
   b) What important elements does Jesus identify when He shares this mission assignment with His disciples?
   c) What was the core message they were called to proclaim? Luke 24:44–48, Matthew 28:19
   d) Read two examples of this core message: Acts 3:13–21; Acts 10:34–43. What is your reaction?

3. Prophecy regarding the return of Jesus
   a) Acts 1:9–11
   b) Who are the two individuals dressed in white? Acts 10:30, John 20:12
   c) What is significant about Luke’s description of the ascension of Jesus? (Luke 1:2 identifies his sources)
   d) Why is the testimony of these two angels so relevant for us today?

4. Preparing for Pentecost
   a) Acts 1:12–14
   b) What encouragement do you find in the composition of the group gathered in this upper room?
   c) What important lessons can we learn from this description of these early Christians?
   d) What might have been the content of their prayers?
   e) Why is prayer an important preparation for the outpouring and infilling of the Holy Spirit?

5. The Twelfth Apostle
   a) Why was it necessary to replace Judas as the twelfth apostle? Acts 1:15–22
   b) What were the important qualifications for the twelfth apostle?
   c) What are your thoughts about the process the early Christians followed to replace Judas? Acts 1:23–26
   d) What lessons about church leadership can we learn from this story that might be helpful today?
   e) Why did the early Christian leaders later abandon the casting of lots as a way of discerning God’s leading? Acts 5:3, 11:15–18, 13:2, 16:6–9
   f) How can we discern God’s will for our lives today?