1. The epidemic of loneliness
   a) Human beings were created for community—interaction, love, fellowship. Genesis 2:18a
   b) How is it possible to be lonely in a crowd?
   c) What is the solution to the epidemic of loneliness? Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (What is the threefold cord?)
   d) How does an openness to a relationship with God meet our need for meaningful companionship? Matthew 18:20; John 14:15–18, 23; Philippians 4:11–13
   e) Share a time when you struggled with loneliness
   f) How can we be part of God’s solution to the epidemic of loneliness?

2. The unmarried life
   a) What are some benefits Paul mentions for remaining unmarried? 1 Corinthians 7:25–34
   b) Name some other Bible characters who chose to remain unmarried. Jeremiah (Jer. 16:1–4), Jesus, etc.
   c) Many single individuals are happier than those who are married. Why?

3. When a marriage ends in divorce
   a) What Bible story illustrates the possibility of reconciliation when one spouse is unfaithful? Hosea 3:1–3
   b) What is necessary in order for such reconciliation to occur?
   c) What Bible texts confirm infidelity and divorce are not part of God’s ideal for human families? Proverbs 5:15–20; Malachi 2:13–16; Matthew 5:31–32; Matthew 19:3–10
   d) Unfortunately, there are times when marriage relationships are irreparably shattered. What are some practical and compassionate ways you can help someone going through a divorce?

4. Alone again when a loved one dies
   a) How can a person prepare for the death of a loved one? 2 Samuel 18:32–33; Matthew 11:28–29
   b) Why is grieving the loss of a loved one different for those who have accepted the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus? 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Revelation 21:4–5
   c) Share your experience with the death of a loved one.

5. Spiritually single
   a) What response does the apostle Paul recommend when a person is married but has no spiritual support from a spouse? 1 Corinthians 7:10–16
   b) How can a church family support someone who lacks spiritual support at home?