1. Longing to be a parent
   a) Name some individuals in the Scriptures who longed to be parents. Genesis 18:11, 30:1; 1 Samuel 1:1–8; Luke 1:7
   b) Name some individuals in the Scriptures who had no children but served as godly examples to the children within their circle of influence.
   c) What encouragement or counsel might you offer to a friend who is longing to be a parent?

2. The joy and responsibility of parenting
   a) Psalm 127:3–5, joys
   b) What are some joys you have experienced as a parent?
   c) Ephesians 6:4, responsibilities
   d) What are your thoughts about the responsibilities of parenting?
   e) Who stands out in the Scriptures as a wonderful example of a godly parent?
   f) What Bible promises encourage you as you face the great responsibility of parenting?

3. Single parents
   a) Name some individuals in the Scriptures who faced the challenge of single parenting. Genesis 21:14–19; 1 Kings 17:9–12; Luke 7:12

4. Parenting as disciple-making
   a) Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Why is repetition vitally important when training children?
   b) How important is a parent’s example in the process of disciple-making? (see 1 Corinthians 11:1)
   c) Name some parents who discipled their children effectively. Genesis 18:17–19; Luke 2:52, etc.
   d) What reminder does Solomon give to parents who have sought to train their children in the way of the LORD? Proverbs 6:20–23

5. Not giving up on a prodigal child
   a) Proverbs 22:6 What promise do you see in this inspired testimony?
   b) What important lessons can we learn from the loving father in the story of the prodigal son? Luke 15:11–32
   c) What encouragement or counsel might you give to praying parents who have not yet seen their children return home? Jeremiah 31:16–17