1. The work of the prophets
   a) Who were some of the great prophets whose messages are recorded in the Bible?
   b) What type of message would you typically expect from a prophet? (call to repentance, prediction about the future)
   c) The prophets also showed great concern for the poor and oppressed. Why?
   d) How were the prophets treated by their own people? (ignored, persecuted, imprisoned, killed—see Jeremiah 38:6, Matthew 23:29–30, John 1:11)
   e) Why were the prophets so frequently ignored or mistreated?

2. The prophet Amos—a prophet to Israel (8th century BC)
   a) Amos 7:14–15—his background
   b) Amos 3:9–11—a prophecy of Amos
   c) What common social evils does the prophet condemn? Amos 4:1–2, 8:4–6
   d) What appeal does the LORD God make to the people of Israel through the prophet Amos? Amos 5:21–24
   e) What is your reaction to the harsh words recorded in Amos 5:21?
   f) Share a time when God delivered a harsh message to you in order to capture your attention

3. The prophet Micah—a prophet to Judah (8th century BC)
   a) Micah 3:9–12—what sins did Micah condemn?
   b) Micah 6:8—what impacts you the most about this appeal by the prophet Micah?
   c) What aspect of Micah's appeal do you most need to hear today?

4. The prophet Isaiah—prophet to Judah (8th century BC)
   a) Isaiah is called the Gospel Prophet. What are some of your favorite passages in the Book of Isaiah? (Isaiah 9:6–7, Isaiah 53:4–6, Isaiah 61:1, etc.)
   b) Many are familiar with the words of the LORD recorded in Isaiah 1:18. But consider the context. Isaiah is crying out on behalf of the poor and oppressed. Isaiah 1:16–17
   c) Many who value the gift of Sabbath are familiar with the words of the LORD recorded in Isaiah 58:13–14. But consider the context: Isaiah 58:6–7, 10–12
   d) How can we become more sensitive to the needs of the poor and oppressed in our own communities?

5. The prophet Ezekiel—in exile (6th century BC)
   a) Ezekiel 34:2–4—a word of rebuke
   b) Ezekiel 3:7–15—a word of hope (see Psalm 23)
   c) How do these messages from the LORD relate to our lives today?