1. **The Lure towards idolatry**
   a) Exodus 20:1–6—the commandments of the LORD given on Mount Sinai
   b) Exodus 32:1–6—idolatry at Mount Sinai
   c) Why did the children of Israel fall so quickly into idolatry?
   d) Identify other times in the history of the children of Israel when they began to worship idols.
   e) What important reminder is found in Psalm 115:2–8?
   f) Where do you see idolatry present today?

2. **Reasons to worship the LORD God rather than idols**
   a) Deuteronomy 10:17–21
   b) Psalm 101:1
   c) Psalm 146:5–10
   d) Isaiah 5:16
   e) Isaiah 44:6–8
   f) True worship is natural and spontaneous when we catch a glimpse of the goodness and mercy of God. Exodus 14:30–15:2
   g) Share a time when you caught a glimpse of the goodness and mercy of God. How did you express your worship to Him?
   h) How does worshipping the Lord in spirit and truth prepare our hearts to show His goodness and mercy to those around us?

3. **Religious oppressors**
   a) Amos 8:4–6, 11–12
   b) Mark 12:38–40
   c) How is it possible to be outwardly religious and still oppress the poor and needy?
   d) Share a time during the ministry of Jesus when religious leaders were oppressing the poor and needy (John 2:13–16)
   e) How can we avoid falling into the same trap?

4. **Showing devotion to God by caring for those in need**
   a) Isaiah 58:1–9
   b) Matthew 25:31–40
   c) Sometimes religious people will criticize you for associating with the poor and needy (Luke 15:1–2) What is the best way to deal with this opposition?
   d) Share a time when God gave you an opportunity to reveal His love to someone in need. How did this experience impact your relationship with God?
   e) How would you respond to a friend who said, “There are so many poor and needy people in the world! You can’t help everyone!”