1. Finding hope in God
   a) Throughout the ages on a planet ravaged by sin, sickness and death, people have longed for a better day. Psalm 94:3–7; Habakkuk 1:2; Revelation 6:10
   b) What are some ways people search for hope?
   c) Where did the prophet choose to find his hope in the midst of troubled times? Lamentations 3:22–26
   d) When did you decide to find your hope in God?
   e) What parable of Jesus affirms our decision to find our hope in God? Luke 18:1–8

2. An active hope
   a) For the follower of Jesus, our hope is centered in the glorious return of Jesus. What important insights does Jesus relate in Matthew 24 about His return?
   b) How should we live while we wait for the glorious return of Jesus?
      i) Matthew 24:45–51
      ii) Matthew 25:14–15
      iii) Matthew 25:31–40

3. A resurrection hope
   b) Why is the resurrection of Jesus such an important truth for Christians? 1 Corinthians 15:12–23
   c) Death is an enemy for the entire human family (1 Corinthians 15:26), but according to the apostle Paul, Christians do not grieve like those who have no hope. Why? 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17
   d) Share a time when you found comfort in the resurrection hope that is ours as followers of Jesus

4. Hope in the time of the judgment
   a) Many people feel hopeless when they consider the possibility of standing in judgment before a holy God. Matthew 12:36
   b) What word of hope can we offer from the Word of God to those who are afraid of the final judgment? John 5:22–24 (see also 1 John 1:9)
   c) 1 John 4:17–19 Do you know someone who is afraid of the final judgment? How can you help that person to replace fear with hope?

5. Hope realized
   a) 2 Peter 3:10–13 What are your thoughts about living in a new earth where righteousness dwells?
   b) Revelation 21:4, 22:1–5—a revelation by Jesus
   c) Some say this is just a fairy tale. Why should we trust this revelation given by Jesus?
   d) How should this inspired revelation affect our lives today, particularly the way we relate to those around us?