1. Belshazzar’s Feast  
   a) Daniel 5:1-4 What is particularly troubling about this scene?  
   b) The apostle John prophesied a deliberate disregard of and disrespect for that which God calls holy will be repeated in the last days of earth’s history. Revelation 17:4-6  
   c) What leads people to demonstrate such an arrogant attitude toward God?  
   d) Where do you see a similar attitude today?

2. A message from an Unseen Guest  
   a) Daniel 5:5  
   b) How does King Belshazzar respond to this message from an Unseen Guest?  
      i) Daniel 5:6 What can we learn from his reaction?  
      ii) Daniel 5:7-10 Why were the astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers unable to interpret the handwriting on the wall? After all, it was written Aramaic, in the language of Babylon.

3. A message from the Queen and a testimony from Daniel  
   a) Daniel 5:10-12 What impresses you the most about the Queen’s message to King Belshazzar?  
   b) Why does Belshazzar need to be reminded of God’s activity in his family history?  
   c) What causes people to ignore truth and wise counsel that is right before their eyes?  
   d) Daniel 5:13-16 How does King Belshazzar respond to the Queen’s recommendation?  
   e) Daniel 5:17-23 Why does Daniel offer such stern rebuke to King Belshazzar?

4. Interpretation of the divine graffiti  
   a) Why is this message written in Aramaic?  
   b) Three Aramaic verbs:  
      i) MENE, MENE – counted  
      ii) TEKEL – weighed  
      iii) PERES – divided  
   c) Daniel 5:28 – Daniel’s interpretation  
   d) Daniel 5:29 What are your thoughts about King Belshazzar’s response to Daniel’s message of judgment?

5. The day of judgment  
   a) Daniel 5:30  
   b) What can we learn from this story that will help us to understand the fall of spiritual Babylon? Revelation 14:8, 18:1-5  
   c) How can we face the final judgment without fear?  
      i) 1 John 4:17-18  
      ii) John 5:22-24  
   d) What important lesson have you learned today?