1. Daniel’s Bible study and prayer
   a) Daniel 9:1 What is the setting for Daniel 9?
   b) Daniel 9:2-3 What revelation had been given to the prophet Jeremiah that was carefully studied by his contemporary Daniel? (Jeremiah 25:11-12, 29:10)
   c) Why is prayer important when seeking to understand the Word of God and discern His will?

2. Daniel—a man of prayer
   a) Share examples of Daniel as a man of prayer.
   b) Daniel 9:3 What is the significance of praying with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes?
   c) Daniel 9:4, 5-14, 15-19 What impresses you the most as you listen to Daniel’s prayer?
   d) Daniel 9:9 Why is it important to focus on the goodness and mercy of God when we pray, rather than simply focus on our sins, failures, or needs?
   e) Daniel’s prayer is saturated with the language of the Scriptures. What can we learn from Daniel’s example?

3. Prayers of Intercession
   a) Daniel 9:5, 6, 16-19 Why does Daniel ask for forgiveness for sins he has not committed?
   b) Share some other powerful intercessory prayers recorded in the Scriptures.
      i) Numbers 14:17-19
      ii) Luke 23:34
   c) How is it possible to offer intercessory prayers with joy in our hearts even before we know the outcome of our prayers? Philippians 1:3-6

4. Prayers heard and revelation given
   a) Daniel 9:20-23 What encouragement do you find in Daniel’s testimony?
   b) What vision was the prophet Daniel seeking to understand? Daniel 8:14, 27

5. The key to unlock the 2300-days prophecy
   a) Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined (“cut off”) for your people. Cut off from what?
   b) Daniel 9:25 Starting point: A decree with timing and details recorded in Ezra 4:8-9, 11-26 (457 BC)
   c) What happened after 7+62 weeks (483 years) in AD 27? Daniel 9:25-26
   d) What happened in the midst of the 70th week in AD 31? Daniel 9:27
   e) What happened at the end of the 70 weeks (490 years after 457 BC) in AD 34?
   f) 2300 years after the starting point of 457 BC, takes us to 1844 AD, the cleansing of the heavenly Sanctuary, the antitypical Day of Atonement.
   g) Why is this prophecy so important for us today?