1. **The Bible as the ultimate authority for faith and practice**
   a) Why was the principle of Sola Scriptura so important for the Protestant reformers? (“Scripture alone is the true lord and master of all writings and doctrine on earth.” Martin Luther)
   b) John 17:17 – the testimony of Jesus
   c) 2 Peter 1:19-21 – the testimony of Peter
   d) Acts 17:10-11 – the example of the Berean Christians, testing Paul’s teaching by the Scriptures

d) While we may not comprehend every thought expressed in the Bible, why is it important to realize that a clear message is evident in the Word of God?
e) Share a time when you struggled to understand a passage of Scripture and finally came to a clearer comprehension of the truth expressed in the text.

2. **The Unity of the Bible**
   a) Jesus and the apostles viewed the Bible as a whole.
   b) Romans 3:10-18 How many portions of the Hebrew Scriptures does Paul reference in this portion of his letter to Christians in Rome?
   c) 2 Peter 3:1-16 What can we learn from Peter about his view of the Bible as an inspired whole?
   d) 2 Timothy 3:16-17 How does this testimony of Paul to Timothy imply the unity of all portions of the Bible?
   e) What should we do when we come across Bible texts or ideas that appear to contradict each other?

3. **The Clarity of Scripture**
   b) Mark 12:10, 13:14
   c) Luke 6:3-4

4. **Scripture interprets Scripture**
   a) Luke 24:27,44,45
   b) Romans 15:4
   c) Example: Mark 9:2, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18
   e) Why is it important to ask, “What other light does the Bible shed on this topic?”

5. **Sola Scriptura and non-canonical prophets**
   a) Name some true prophets of God who did not make any written contributions to the Bible.
   b) How should we relate to new discoveries of documents that claim to be written by non-canonical prophets of God? (The Gospel of Thomas, etc.) Isaiah 8:20
   c) Seventh-day Adventists accept Ellen G. White as a genuine prophet of God. How did she view her writings in relation to the Bible? Why is it always appropriate to test her writings by the Bible?