1. **A bold declaration**
   a) Genesis 1:1
   c) What major question remains unanswered by these inspired testimonies? (if all of creation was very good, why do we live in such a damaged world?)
   d) Why is it important to you to know we are here as a result of God’s creative work?

2. **Created in the image of the Creator**
   a) Genesis 1:26-27 Why did God create human beings in His image?
   b) In what ways do human beings reflect the image of our Creator?
   c) How does the inspired account in Genesis 2:7,18-25 help us to understand the heart of our Creator?

3. **Partners in creation**
   a) Genesis 1:28-29 Why didn’t God create our planet fully populated?
   b) What is the significance of the blessing given by God to our first parents before giving them directions to be fruitful and multiply?
   c) Some of you are parents. What important lessons have you learned about our Creator through your experience as a parent?

4. **The solitary test in Eden**
   a) Genesis 2:16-17 Why did our Creator give a single prohibition to our first parents?
   b) How is this first prohibition related to the inspired account recorded in Revelation 12:7-9
   c) What teaching of Jesus helps us to understand God’s intention in providing a test of loyalty in Eden? John 14:15, 23
   d) How can we learn to obey God even when we don’t fully understand the reasons for His instructions?

5. **The attack by a fallen angel**
   a) Genesis 3:1-6 Why does Satan use deception rather than clearly identifying himself as the leader of the angelic rebellion against God? (see John 8:44)
   b) Why was Adam’s deliberate transgression even more significant that Eve’s act of disobedience?
   c) Why do we continue in acts of willful disobedience even when we know the devastating results?
   d) What hope is found in the response of our Creator and His promise recorded in Genesis 3:9,15? (see also Galatians 4:4-7)
   e) Share a time when God spoke a word of hope to you.
   f) What encouragement would you give to someone who needs forgiveness and hope today?