

1. Searching for answers to life's biggest questions

- a) How do we make sense of everything happening around us? What is the meaning of life, if there is any meaning at all? Why is there so much hatred and greed? Why can't people just be kind to each other?
- b) How do we find answers to those questions?

2. A Biblical worldview

- a) There is a Creator God. Genesis 1:1; John 1:1–3; Genesis 1:31
- b) The book of Revelation depicts heavenly beings worshiping this Creator God. Revelation 4:8, 11
- c) But the Bible presents a challenge to God's authority. Isaiah 14:12–14; Ezekiel 28:13–15
- d) War broke out in heaven. Revelation 12:7–9
- e) Why is it important that we understand this big picture from Scripture as we try to make sense of what's happening in our world today?

3. Escalating controversy on planet earth

- a) Genesis 3:1–7
- b) Genesis 4:8
- c) Genesis 6:5
- d) Revelation 12:12
- e) How have you seen the reality of the cosmic controversy between good and evil in your own life?

4. Our Redeemer and Deliverer

- a) What good news do we find in the midst of this revelation about the great cosmic controversy between good and evil? Revelation 12:10–11
- b) What promise did Jesus make to His followers before His ascension to heaven? Matthew 28:20
- c) Paul faced many hardships as a follower of Jesus. Yet listen to his testimony in Romans 8:31–39.
- d) Rather than complain when we suffer for righteousness sake, how should we respond? Matthew 5:10–12
- e) Share a time when you suffered for righteousness sake. How easy is it to rejoice during those times?

5. God's remnant in the end times

- a) What are two identifying marks of God's remnant in the closing days of earth's history?
 - i) Revelation 12:17
 - ii) Revelation 14:12
- b) What specific commandment is alluded to in the message of the first angel of Revelation 14? Revelation 14:6–7
- c) Why is the fourth commandment such an important sign for those living in the midst of the cosmic controversy between good and evil?
- d) How can we have peace in the midst of this storm?

