1. **The sin of covetousness**
   a) How would you define covetousness?
   b) What inspired warnings against covetousness are found in the Scriptures? Exodus 20:17, Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 3:5, etc.
   c) Where did the sin of covetousness originate? Isaiah 14:12-14

2. **An Old Testament example of covetousness**
   a) What instructions did Joshua give to the children of Israel when they were about to conquer Jericho? Joshua 6:17-19
   b) Who disobeyed the clear instructions of Joshua? Joshua 7:1
   c) What explanation did Achan give for his disobedience? Joshua 7:20-21
   d) What were the consequences of this sin of covetousness for the children of Israel, and also for Achan and his family? Joshua 7:24-26
   e) What can we learn from Achan’s failure?

3. **New Testament examples of covetousness**
   a) Judas
      i) John 12:1-6
      ii) Matthew 26:14-16 What motivated Judas to betray Jesus for personal gain?
      iii) What was the final result of his covetous behavior? Matthew 27:3-5
   b) Ananias and Sapphira
      i) What motivated Ananias and Sapphira to sell a piece of land and make a donation to provide for the needs of fellow Christians? Acts 4:32-37
      ii) Acts 5:1-2 What was the problem here? Isn’t it acceptable to sell a piece of property and make a donation to the church?
      iii) Acts 5:3-4 How was this covetousness exposed?
      iv) What was the consequence of their covetousness? Acts 5:5-10

4. **Finding freedom from covetousness**
   a) What else might a person covet besides material possessions?
   b) How does the sin of covetousness continue to damage families and communities today?
   c) What is the antidote for covetousness? 1 Timothy 6:6-7
   d) What promises from the Scriptures assure us that we can find freedom from covetousness? 1 Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 4:10-13, etc.
   e) What story in the Bible or personal experience has motivated you to find freedom from the sin of covetousness?