1. Dead in our trespasses and sins
   a) Ephesians 2:1-3 How does the Apostle Paul describe the human condition without Jesus?
   b) How does “the prince of the power of the air” seek to bring us under his domination and lead us to spiritual and eternal death? Genesis 3:1-4, Matthew 4:3, John 8:44, etc.
   c) Why are those dead in trespasses and sins described as “by nature children of wrath”? Compare Ephesians 2:3 with 5:6
   d) Who can relate to Paul’s description of people under Satan’s dominion, trying to find meaning by gratifying the desires of the flesh?

2. God’s rescue plan
   a) Ephesians 2:1 What did God accomplish for us even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins?
   b) Why did God initiate this rescue plan? Ephesians 2:4
   c) How did God accomplish His rescue plan? Ephesians 2:5-7
   d) Where else in the Scriptures can we find a description of God’s rescue plan? John 3:16, Romans 6:23, Colossians 1:13-14, etc.
   e) Share a time when you were dead in your trespasses and sins. How did Jesus rescue you?
   f) Is the promise of being seated with Christ Jesus in heavenly places a future hope or a present reality? Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 3:1-3

3. Rejoicing in God’s grace
   a) What expression is repeated in Ephesians 2:5,8?
   b) What does the word “grace” mean to you?
   c) How do we accept God’s gracious gift, rescuing us from spiritual and eternal death? Ephesians 2:8
   d) Is faith also a gift of our loving and merciful God? Support your answer from the Bible. Romans 12:3
   e) When did you decide to accept God’s gracious gift of salvation?
   f) What evidence do you find in this portion of Paul’s letter to the Ephesians that God’s rescue plan brings both present and eternal blessings? Ephesians 2:4-7 (See also John 10:10, Romans 6:23)

4. God’s rescue plan, not ours
   a) Ephesians 2:9 Why is it important to remember that we cannot engineer our own rescue plan?
   b) What is our response when we accept the gift of God’s mercy and grace? Ephesians 2:10, 4:1-3
   c) What promises of God’s Word assure us that it is possible for us to “walk worthy of the calling”?

   g) What are your thoughts about God’s loving and merciful rescue plan?