1. **The seal of the living God**
   a) Revelation 7:1-4 When does this angel ascend from the east, having the seal of the living God?
   b) What is the significance of the fact that the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads? Revelation 14:1-2
   c) Are any sealed who have not first been sealed by the Holy Spirit? Ephesians 4:30, Revelation 7:3
   d) What is the relationship between this sealing process and obedience to the commandments of God? John 14:15-17, Acts 5:32, Revelation 14:12
   e) Which of the Ten Commandments is central to this sealing process? (All of them, but especially the 4th) Revelation 14:7, Exodus 20:8-11

2. **A call for steadfast endurance**
   a) Why is there a call for steadfast endurance (patience) for the saints of God in the last days of earth’s history? Revelation 14:12a, Matthew 24:4-13, 1 Peter 5:8-11
   b) Share a challenging time when you were very aware of the need to demonstrate steadfast endurance.
   c) What are the identifying characteristics of the saints of God who endure to the end? Revelation 14:12b
   d) What is the relationship between “faith in Jesus” and “the faith of Jesus”? John 6:38, Luke 23:46

3. **Prophecies of persecution**
   a) Prophecies of Jesus – Matthew 10:21-22a, John 16:2
   b) How does the Book of Revelation expand on the prophecies of Jesus recorded in the Gospels? Revelation 13:11-15
   c) Who is this two-horned beast coming up out of the earth?
   d) What is the connection between this two-horned beast and the beast described in Revelation 13:1-10
   e) How is it possible for a government that was based on religious freedom to engage in intense persecution of the saints who refuse to disobey the commandments of God?
   f) What indications are you seeing around you that this prophecy is soon to be fulfilled?

4. **Redeemed from the earth**
   a) What are some important characteristics of those redeemed from the earth? Revelation 14:1-5
   b) Is 144,000 a literal number or symbolic?
   c) How can we be certain we will be part of this number? 1 John 5:11-13, Revelation 7:13-17
   d) What are some precious promises given to the saints who determine to endure to the end? Romans 8:1-4, Ephesians 2:8-10, Colossians 1:27-29, etc.