1. Living in a foreign land
   a) Psalm 137:4 What was the context for the writing of this psalm? Who was the author of this psalm?
   b) Why did memories of their homeland cause the psalmist and his fellow exiles to weep? Psalm 137:1
   c) Psalm 137:2-3 Did those who requested one of the songs of Zion really want to hear a song of Zion or were they just mocking the captives who were separated from their homeland?
   d) What are the similarities between the experience of the children of Israel as exiles in Babylon and our experience as strangers in this sin-ravaged world?
   e) Share a time when you wept because of the evil that surrounds us on this planet in rebellion.

2. Why are we here?
   a) Why were the children of Israel taken captive to Babylon? 2 Chronicles 36:14-20
   b) Who were some of the well-known Bible characters who were taken captive to this foreign land?
   c) What about us? Why are we here in this foreign land, this sin-ravaged planet? Romans 5:12-14
   d) Where do we learn more about the sin of Adam? Genesis 3:1-8
   e) How did the sin of Adam and his wife Eve impact their environment and their descendants? Genesis 3:17-19, 4:3-8
   f) How does the Psalmist Asaph describe the impact of sin on our world? Psalm 74:20
   g) Psalm 88:1-5 Who can relate to the despondency of the sons of Korah, living in a world filled with sin, sickness, and death?
   h) What stories in the Bible illustrate the devastating consequences of sin?

3. How can we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land?
   a) Psalm 137:4 What is the LORD’s song? Psalm 9:1-2, 34:1-3, etc.
   b) Why is it challenging to sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land?
   c) How did Daniel and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, sing the LORD’s song in Babylon? Daniel 1:8, 2:20-23, 3:16-18
   d) What important commitment did the Psalmist Asaph make in the midst of his anguish? Psalm 77:10-12
   e) What testimony did the Psalmist David give to those who wait patiently while living in a foreign land? Psalm 40:1-3, 63:1-4
   f) Why is it important for us to sing the LORD’s song in this foreign land? 1 Peter 2:9
   g) What is your song of the LORD’s goodness?