

1. Finding our way home to God

- a) Isaiah 59:1-2 How does our sin affect our relationship with God?
- b) Does God separate Himself from us when we sin or do we separate ourselves from Him? Support your answer from Scripture. (Genesis 3:8)
- c) According to the teachings of the Bible, what is an appropriate response when we feel our sins have caused a separation between us and God? 1 John 1:9, Psalm 32:1-5, Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:13, etc.
- d) What can we learn from the parable of the lost sheep about how we can find our way home to God? Luke 15:4-6, 20-24 (see also Isaiah 61:10)

2. A manifestation of the glory of the LORD

- a) Isaiah 60:1-3 Who is referred to in this prophecy?
- b) While Israel as a nation failed to realize God’s plan and purpose due to their rebellion and unbelief, name one Person whose life fulfilled this prophecy in all its fullness. John 1:14 (see also Haggai 2:6-9)
- c) Is this prophecy also applicable to each of our lives today? Matthew 5:14-16
- d) How is it possible for each one of us to arise and shine, reflecting God’s glory? (see John 8:12)

3. Proclaiming the year of the LORD’s favor

- a) Isaiah 61:1-3 Who is referred to in this prophecy? (see Luke 4:18-21)
- b) What happened during the acceptable year of the LORD, the year of Jubilee? Leviticus 25:10
- c) What is the significance of the year of Jubilee in the plan of salvation? Isaiah 61:10-11, John 8:36
- d) What is our greatest debt that has been cancelled?

4. Proclaiming the day of vengeance of our God

- a) Isaiah 61:2 When Jesus quoted this prophecy 700 years later, He omitted the phrase “the day of vengeance of our God. (Luke 4:19) Why?
- b) When will the day of vengeance of our God take place? 2 Peter 3:10
- c) Is this a day of vengeance against sinners or a day of vengeance against sin? 2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16-17
- d) How is the vengeance of the LORD a manifestation of His immeasurable, unending love?
- e) What warning message must be shared while there is still time to repent and turn to God? Isaiah 55:5-7, Revelation 14:6-7, etc.
- f) How would you respond to a friend who says, “I want to share God’s warning message, but I am afraid of being rejected or ridiculed”?

