Return of Christ:
Main idea: (Subject) What does the New Testament teach us about the return of Christ? (Complement): The New Testament seems to make conflicting statements, which we believe reflects two separate appearances—one any-moment return for the church and one when-the-sun-turns-dark-return for Israel.

Questions: The Return of Christ

1. What changes have you seen over the years in people's attitude toward Christ's return? (inside and outside the church) Decline in ch. Trouble spots in world alert people outside. Can't be dogmatic. Late Opt Plants Left Behind

2. What would you say to those who have tired of "false alarms" and "endless arguments" over the time of Christ's return? over every doctrine. So learn the Truth & communicate it.

3. How important is the subject of Christ's return to New Testament faith? (also how important to our personal spiritual health and relationship to Christ?) If no return, how trust res. accuracy of Son joy in trouble, cleanses, encourages to holiness, judges, rewards

4. How did Christ describe the time of his final return (Matt. 24). (i.e. after a time of unparalleled trouble and after the sun turns dark) war, anarchy, phy. dist., martyrdom, lawlessness power & glory. all see & mourn

5. What do we know about that time of trouble that will immediately precede Christ's final return? Details - Rev 6-19 Mt 24-25 Ezek 38-39 Dan 11 2 Thess 2

6. What did Christ also say that seems to indicate a mystery about the time of his return (i.e. parables about readiness and statements like Luke 12:40—be ready for the Son of Man will come at a time you don't expect. calculate 7 yrs. but don't bel He will come. Rev 9:21. like Noah - saw Ark & heard Noah, but didn't bel.

7. How can we reconcile the apparent conflict of these statements?

8. How would you describe the similarities and differences of Israel and the Church? holy & chosen nation, priesthood, way of union with Sovereign K. Indwelling accept. by God look for Messiah

9. What does the Bible say about the restoration of Israel in the last days? Beg. of trib. for Treaty. Not wiped out bec. at end Is. saved.

10. What practical attitudes do you believe will mark the lives of those who have a right view attitude toward Christ's return (i.e. vs. those who have an unhealthy preoccupation or disinterest) Bel. look Tit 2: 13 Love 2 Tim 4:8

For program on Jerusalem:

1. For someone who is not familiar with the Bible, "What is the biblical significance of Jerusalem?"
2. What does the Bible say about Jerusalem in the last days?
3. What does the Bible mean when Zechariah says in behalf of God, "I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling" Zech. 12:2.
4. How in the past has Jerusalem shown God's love for the whole world?
5. How in the end will Jerusalem show God's love for the world?

For Program(s) on The Significance/Restoration of Israel

1. For someone who is not familiar with the Bible, how would you explain the significance of Israel?
   a. What as a nation do they add to our understanding of God?
   b. What as a nation do they add to our understanding of ourselves?
   c. What as a nation do they say about God's attitude toward other nations?
2. What does the Bible say about Israel's restoration in the last days?
3. What would you say to those who believe Israel's restoration says more about the self-fulfilling hopes of Israel and the church than it does about the purposes of God.

For Program(s) on The Crusades/Holy War and the Gospel

1. What is the difference between "the struggle of the sword" Christ talked about (I have not come to bring peace but a sword; sell what you have and buy a sword) and other Holy Wars/Crusades?
2. Does the last days picture of Christ (conquering with the sword) combine with the history of "the conquest" (Joshua

and the conquering armies of Israel) to show that people of the Bible have a precedent for "military crusading"?

For Program(s) on the Prophets

1. What was the role of the prophet in Israel? predict + warn + promise
2. Does that role remain in the Church today? With what similarities and/or differences? Early ch. + trib. Now Bible Tho prophet = proclaimer/preacher True but not predictor

For Program on Bethlehem/Daniel

1. Do you think it's possible that the Magi from the East could have been exposed to the predictions of Daniel? false prop. past present future Numb 24.17 Balaam's prop come a star that would come out of Jacob / + or prop of Daniel
2. Do you think it would have been possible for someone to calculate from Daniel's prophecy of the "70 sevens" the time of Messiah's birth? No bec. calendar not regulated until Gregorian 1582
3. For someone who is not familiar with the Bible, how would you describe the significance of this prophecy? If 1st-69 literally happened So will 70th.