

**Introduction – Who can predict the future?**

**1. Hope for Release (Revelation 5:9)**

- Revelation 13:5-8,11-18
- Modern slavery
  - chattel slavery
  - debt bondage
  - sex slavery
  - forced labor
- Other forms of slavery
  - slavery to sin (John 8:34-36)
  - slavery to Satan (2 Timothy 2:24-26)
  - slavery to other people (Colossians 2:8)

**2. Hope for Significance (Revelation 5:10)**

- Revelation 1:5,6; 20:6; 22:3-5
- Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9

**3. Hope for Everyone (Revelation 5:9)**

- Mark 13:10; Matthew 24:14
- People groups in the world today
  - Total - 11,600
  - Unreached – 6,500
  - Unengaged with population over 100,000 - 450

**4. Hope for Israel (Romans 11:25,26)**

- Romans 9:2,3; 10:1

**Follow-Throughs**

What do these passages tell you about the character and strategies of the devil? What insights do these passages give for surviving and thriving in the midst of spiritual warfare? In what ways do you see the devil trying to deceive you, accuse you or hurt you right now? Remember that God has given you the resources you need to defeat the devil!

**Monday Luke 4:1-13; 10:17-24**

**Tuesday Luke 22:31-34, 39-46**

**Wednesday Ephesians 6:10-20**

**Thursday Hebrews 2:9-18**

**Friday James 4:1-10; 1 Peter 5:8,9**

**Warm-Ups**

**Saturday Revelation 1:12-18; 5:5-10**

How is Jesus described in these two passages? In what ways is he unique, in a class by himself? Which characteristics of Jesus mean the most to you personally?

**Sunday Revelation 19:5-9,11-16**

What aspects of the character and the work of Jesus Christ are highlighted in the descriptions of him as bridegroom and as rider on the white horse? How do these characteristics set Jesus apart from every other leader and religious figure?