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2. Develop our ability to \_\_\_\_\_ to the gospel. How do you turn an everyday conversation into a gospel conversation? When God opens a door for a gospel witness, what do you say? How do you make much of Jesus and God’s Word in your conversations? It’s wise to spend time learning and memorizing foundational verses in Romans.

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3. Decide to live above our \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances. God’s people aren’t immune from adversity, pain, trauma, or storms. We need to learn to see life God’s way. To those who love Him, He brings good out of bad. How have you seen Him do this? Cancer? Job loss? Sinful choices? Broken relationships? Now, from your perspective, it may look like the enemy is winning. We know the end of the story. Jesus is Victor!

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4. Rejoice in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation. Do you know that you’re saved? You and I are saved by grace, not by works. Our world is filled with fake people, fake merchandise, and fake news. Please don’t live life with doubts about your salvation. Base your life on the truth of 1 John 5:13. Joy and peace are possible because of our assurance of salvation.

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5. Present our \_\_\_\_\_ as an act of spiritual worship. Biblical worship is a lifestyle. Worship isn’t limited to a style of music, a day of the week, or to a building location. Let’s learn to worship our God every day and all day. Biblical worship is about adoration, exaltation, sacrifice, truth, and obedience. Is God pleased with your worship?

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