DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Module 6: Dealing with the Issue of Suicide

- 1. What personal experience do you have with suicide?
- 2. What would be a person's reasons for contemplating suicide?
- 3. What do you think are best ways to help kids know how valu- able they are and that things can get better when they're feeling down?
- 4. Name as many warning signs of suicide as you can.
- 5. Have you asked your children if they know what suicide is and if they've ever thought about it?
- 6. Are you tracking your child's stress levels?
- 7. What can you do to encourage your kids to talk openly about their thoughts and feelings?
- 8. As you consider your present family situation, do you feel reas- sured, troubled, or alarmed? Or are you a grieving family?
- 9. What might keep you or your spouse from talking to your teens about suicide? How can you overcome any obstacles you might have to discussing this topic?
- 10. What is your hope truly based upon? How has it helped you get through painful times in your life?
- 11. Have you taken the time to set up a spiritual support system among Christian friends, with church members, and in your prayer life? If not, what do you need to build that up?