

Use the following thoughts and questions to have one spiritual conversation. You can pick and choose, use them all or just allow the statement to be your guide. The emphasis shouldn't be about having all the answers, but simply having a conversation.

Scripture

Matthew 26:36-49,56,59-66

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Jesus was sent by the Father to face judgment for our sins.

This main point is the biblical truth the student's study was built around. Each week there will be one statement that ties the whole study together. These would be great statements to remember together. The hope is that thoughts and ideas will stem from these statements. You can also begin by sharing a thought of your own that you learned during your study of the same session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

2. Thought From the Study

In this moment of crisis, there would be no retreat, no revolt, no rescue. Jesus was resolute in accepting what Scripture had foretold. Everything that occurred on that night was foretold, but this was no comfort for the disciples in the dark. Jesus had steadied Himself in His Father's provision and plan, but the disciples were shaken and afraid. The Old Testament message illuminated the events of this night, but the disciples failed to see it. The narrative would not end without even more fulfillment to come, but the sheep were scattered and the Shepherd was led willingly across the dark valley into the city of Jerusalem.

► **What does this passage tell you about Jesus' commitment to follow through with His Father's plan?**

3. Quote for Discussion

Discuss this quote together. How does this change your understanding of a relationship with Jesus?

In Gethsemane the holiest of all petitioners prayed three times that a certain cup might pass from Him. It did not."—C. S. Lewis

4. Conversation Questions

Use these questions to begin thinking through and applying the lessons to your family life:

1. Believers are promised that we will face persecution. What are some ways our family can follow Jesus' example of restraint when we're persecuted for our faith?
2. Think about some of the ways the world accuses the church. Which of these accusations should our family reject? Which should we reject?
3. How can the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies help our family address those who are skeptical about God and the gospel?
4. What is our family's tendency when it comes to discussing God's wrath? What are some ways we can address the truth of God's wrath?