

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

Acts 4:32–5:11

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God calls us to show our unity with other believers.

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

It's important not to misunderstand what's happening here. This isn't a call to poverty or a demand for Christians to sell everything they have and give it to the poor. In fact, it isn't a demand at all; it's an invitation. These new Christians found themselves as part of this new family. If someone had a need, then they responded with radical generosity. Those who were wealthy and had more than they needed sold their resources to provide for others in their new family.

► **What are some ways our group and our church can show this kind of generosity today?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

Believers are never told to *become* one—we're *already* one, and we're expected to act like it. —Joni Eareckson Tada

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What would it look like if our family lived as generously as the early church?
2. How does the joy of the gospel, and what Jesus gave for us, encourage our family to give generously to those who have needs?
3. Discuss what happened to Ananias and Sapphira. What surprises you about their actions? The Apostles' actions? God's response?
How do you think this might create some misunderstanding about God's character for those who don't know God?
4. What are some ways we can help others understand the truth of these misconceptions?