

*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**

Romans 12:9-18; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 1:3-7

## 1. Opening Statement

*Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:*

**God changes us by bringing us into fellowship with Him and with His people.**

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.

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## 2. Thought From the Study

Through the power of the gospel, we are never truly alone, even when no one else is around. Our God is always with us; His Spirit has taken up residence in us, and we are "hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). This is what it means that God called us into fellowship with Jesus. We are personally connected now in an eternal, unbreakable relationship with Him.

- **Describe a time when you felt you had true community or fellowship. How does fellowship with Christ differ from that? How is it similar?**

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## 3. Quote for Discussion

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

**The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified. —John Stott**

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## 4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What are some ways that each member of our family struggles with feeling accepted? How does knowing we are each accepted by Jesus change that?
2. How does it affect us to know we are unconditionally loved and accepted by God, especially in difficult times?
3. Of the commands Paul listed in Romans 12:9-18, which do each of our family members struggle with most? Spend some time praying for each other, specifically for these struggles.
4. How can our family work together and work with other believers to share the gospel?