

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 24:22-27; 25:1-12; 26:24-32

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God wants us to be concerned more about others' salvation than about our own situation.

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

Paul exerted his right as a Roman citizen and appealed directly to Caesar. In that moment, Festus and the Jews saw their authority over Paul disintegrate; his life was now in the hands of the most powerful person in the Roman Empire. But for Paul, that moment changed nothing. His life remained where it had always been: in the hands of the Almighty God.

► **How would you have responded if you were in Paul's shoes?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

Expect great things of God; attempt great things for God. —William Carey

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What are some ways our family can practice sharing our faith with other cultures?
2. How can our family learn from Paul's example in facing adversity and difficulty?
3. When are we tempted to root our family's identity in something other than Jesus? What are those things?
4. When does our family live as "almost" Christians? How can we work together to guard against that in our family?