

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

Revelation 1:9-20

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Jesus' presence and power give Christians hope for today.

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

Jesus has power over time. When Jesus said He is "the first and the last," He declared He is the ruler over time. Later in Revelation 22:13, Jesus identified Himself as "the Alpha and the Omega," essentially making the same point. Alpha (A) is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and omega (Ω) is the last. Jesus is the first because He has existed eternally, before time even began. Jesus created time as part of His creation (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-17). Jesus is the last because He will always exist, long after the end comes and time is no more. Because He has power over time, Jesus is not bound by history, but rather stands over it.

► **How does Jesus' power over time give you comfort and hope today?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

God is going to enjoy his new universe, and we'll enter into his joy. Since we'll draw from the reservoir of God's being, which never runs dry, we'll never run out of passion and joy. —Randy Alcorn

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. How does Jesus' control over all things give our family the courage to live out His love and share the gospel today?
2. When has God seemed distant in the life of our family?
3. How does the certainty of Jesus' presence encourage us as a family? How can our family use encourage others to come to know Jesus and the joy of His presence in our lives?
4. In what ways does the reality of future judgment affect how our family lives and treats others?