



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.

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this statement:

The body of Christ is united in the Spirit, in suffering and rejoicing, and in service.

This statement 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 lesson. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

2. Thought From the Study

The clear biblical charge to pursue unity is not a call toward uniformity. God doesn't desire a church of clones but a gloriously diverse body that highlights the creativity of God Himself.

How can you better use the various gifts and talents you have been given for the good of your church?

3. Quote for Discussion

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

"As the body of Christ, the church is the extension of His ministry." —Millard J. Erickson

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. In what ways do we serve one another in our family? How is this similar to serving our church family?
2. In what ways is each member of our family unique? How can we use our unique gifts or abilities to serve the church?
3. How much of your identity is associated with being a member of our family? How can you be sure your friends also know that you are a member of Christ's family, the church? Why is this important?
4. How does being part of the church help motivate our family to serve one another? our community?
5. What is something our family has accomplished by working together? What could our church family accomplish if every member worked together as the body of Christ?