



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:**

God's people deny themselves, die to certain desires, and do good in suffering.

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**

One of the distinguishing marks of the church is that we are crucified with Christ. We are called to deny ourselves, die to certain desires, and suffer for doing good, according to God's will. As we are crucified to ourselves and our sinful desires, we showcase the glory of God to a watching world.

What is the difference between suffering in general and suffering for the sake of the gospel?

### **3. Quote for Discussion**

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

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." — Jim Elliot

### **4. Conversation Questions**

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

1. What are some sacrifices we make as a family? How have these sacrifices helped us to depend more on Christ?
2. What are some other ways we can deny ourselves at home? at school? at work? at church? Why is this important when it comes to growing in our relationship with Christ and sharing the gospel?
3. When have we suffered through a difficult time as a family? How did we grow from that experience? How can we make sure our suffering always glorifies God?