



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:

United with Christ, we bear good fruit, we remain in God's love, and our joy in God is made complete.

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

Missional obedience shouldn't be a begrudging acceptance of God's will and an obligatory fulfillment of God's commands—as if we were clock-punchers in a factory who can't wait to be free of our work responsibilities. Begrudging evangelism inspires no one. United to Christ, our joy is made complete in fruitful obedience, love for God and neighbor, and friendship with God.

Are you more likely to think of yourself as being “in Christ” or Christ being “in you”? Why do you think it's important to believe both parts of this important truth?

3. Quote for Discussion

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

“Union with Christ is the core truth of salvation that can be seen either as encompassing all of salvation or as the center to which all components of salvation are connected.” –Kenneth Keathley

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. Why is it important for our family to understand the importance of unity with Christ?
2. How can our family be strengthened by understanding the connection between remaining in God and finding joy in God?
3. How can our family tell if we are known for our love for one another? What does a lack of love signify?
4. How does the assurance of God's love for us spur our family on in our mission of making disciples?