

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 2:1-7; 3:1-6

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God calls us to repent of sin, refocus our attention on Jesus, and reengage in His mission.

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

Despite having right theology, standing for the gospel, and living in a godly way, the Ephesians were not able to escape sin. They needed to repent, and as the text tells us, they were not alone. The Ephesians had lost their "first love"—that passion for Jesus that once burned bright in their hearts and minds (Eph. 1:15). They were going through the motions, doing good deeds and living moral lives, but doing so apart from worship. Works without worship is not Christianity—it is godless moralism. And Jesus warned them to repent—turn away from the sin of forgetting His love and grace—or else they would show themselves undeserving of His "lampstand." A lampstand symbolized being a light to the world as representatives of the one true Light—the resurrected Christ.

- ▶ **When have you realized you were just going through the motions rather than living a life of worship out of love for Jesus?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

True Christlikeness, true companionship with Christ, comes at the point where it is hard not to respond as he would.
—Dallas Willard

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What are some things that cause our family to move away from our "first love" (Jesus) sometimes?
2. What obstacles might our family face in repenting of this?
3. How can our family intentionally encourage each other to love Jesus above all and to keep our focus on Him?
4. In what ways can our family increase our knowledge of what we believe and build a stronger theology?