

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

1 Timothy 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Titus 2:11-14

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God uses pastors to lead His church in obedience to His Word.

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

Paul wanted Timothy to be known for wise words rather than harsh rants. Today, this could include refusing to post outrage on social media, choosing instead to speak words of grace and compassion, and so on. Paul also encouraged Timothy to set an example inwardly through building traits of love, faith (or faithfulness), and purity (both sexual and general integrity).

► **What are some ways you personally could choose to follow the advice Paul gave to Timothy in these verses?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

When Ezra preached to the people in Nehemiah 8, the attitude with which the listeners came to hear him was crucial. We need to follow their example by committing ourselves to attend expectantly, listen carefully, and apply the Scriptures properly. Then we can leave the service with joyful hearts. —Alistair Begg

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. How can our family encourage even the youngest members to live for Jesus?
2. Who are our family's pastors or church leaders? How can we pray for them this week?
3. What are three kind things we can do for our pastors or church leaders this week?
4. How can our family, like our pastors and leaders, point people to Jesus?