

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 Samuel 8:1-22

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Rejecting God's loving rule reveals a lack of satisfaction in Him and personal holiness within our lives.

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

The Israelites looked to a king to guarantee prosperity and security. What they would receive instead were kings who would take those things from them. They wanted a king whom they could control. Instead, their kings would wind up controlling them. What they thought would empower them would actually enslave them!

► **What are some examples of things in life that “promise” to give us something but instead “take” from us?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

God has placed in the heart of every man a longing for Himself, and nothing that isn't Himself, nothing that's not eternal, can fulfill an eternal longing. – Colt McCoy & Matt Carter

4. Conversation Questions

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

- 1. Where do we sometimes place our security, other than in Christ? What are the signs of our misplaced trust?**
- 2. How can our family prioritize the pursuit of holiness?**
- 3. In what ways can we submit to God's loving rule in our lives? What kind of difference will this make in our home?**