

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

Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God's goodness is shown through His sustaining grace toward His people.

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

God didn't redeem Israel to then forsake them. God redeems, and God provides. As believers, we should remember that God has brought us through a greater exodus. And if God would provide the solution for our greatest problem (through Christ's death and resurrection), then we have no reason to question His goodness or doubt His faithfulness when facing our day-to-day problems. God is good. Believe it.

- ▶ **We all grumble and complain. How does adding the words "against the Lord" after "grumble" or "complain" change our view of this attitude?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

"Discontent is a sin that is its own punishment and makes men torment themselves; it makes the spirit sad, the body sick, and all the enjoyments sour; it is the heaviness of the heart and the rottenness of the bones. It is a sin that is its own parent. It arises not from the condition, but from the mind. As we find Paul contented in a prison, so Ahab discontent in a palace." —Matthew Henry, *An Exposition of the Old and New Testaments*

4. Conversation Questions

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

- 1. As we think of an area where our family needs God's guidance, what expectations can we have of God regarding this? What expectations might God have of us?**
- 2. God intended to train and form His people during their years in the wilderness. In what ways might God be training our family as we walk through difficult times?**
- 3. In what ways does grumbling about our circumstances hurt our witness to friends and other family members?**