

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

Matthew 26:6-16

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Our heart's condition is revealed either by our giving or our greed.

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

Mary's original intentions were not entirely clear. In this act of devotion, was she expressing her belief that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God? Or was she one of the first in the Gospels to truly understand that the messianic mission marched through a tomb? Whether Mary was initially and intentionally aware of the significance of her action or not, Jesus clearly saw the act as stretching beyond the present into the future. In this simple glorious act, she prepared Jesus for burial.

► **The perfume Mary used was expensive. What does this tell you about Mary's sacrifice and her love for Jesus?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

Still he seeks the fellowship of his people, and sends them both sorrows and joys in order to detach their love from other things and attach it to himself. —J. I. Packer

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What's the importance of generosity in our family?
2. What are some practical ways we can live generously this week?
3. List some values our family should reevaluate or implement to live more generously?
4. As a family, discuss some ways we can practice generosity as an overflow of devotion and worship.