

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL:

## GOD'S WORD AND CONVERSATIONS

### UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES!

CONVERSATION 001

#### Read

Luke 12:54-56

#### Discuss

1. Retell the story in your own words as a family.
2. What does this scripture teach us about God, Jesus, or Mankind?
3. How do we put the scripture into practice in our lives?

Read: In this scripture passage, Jesus and the disciples are surrounded by a large crowd that has not understood that the Messiah is right in front of them. If Jesus were telling this story today, he may have said something like, "You people are intelligent enough to send NASA astronauts into outer space on a SpaceX ship, and yet you do not understand what God is doing all around you!" You'd probably agree that there is so much happening in the world around this year. Everyone is facing unknown times and new challenges. It may even feel exhausting at times to hear another news story. As families that follow Jesus Christ, we must ask questions like, "What is God saying to us? What is God doing all around us? How can we be families that understand the present time? How can we see situations and problems in our world through the eyes of Christ? How can we share the hope that we have in Jesus Christ?" As a family, we want to understand the spiritual things that God is doing in the world around us.

#### Pray

1. Teenager, share a prayer request with your parents.
2. Parents, share a prayer request with your teenager.
3. Pray for one another.

Closing Prayer: God, we want to be a family that understands how you are at work and what you are doing in the world around us. We ask that you would help us to trust you more as we face unknown challenges all around us. Show us your will and help us to live according to your ways by your grace and strength. Help us to be a family that is a light in a world that seems chaotic right now. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



CALVARY STUDENTS

The logo features the number '52' in a white speech bubble at the top. Below it, the word 'FAMILY' is written in large, bold, brown letters. Underneath 'FAMILY', the words 'DINNER' and 'DISCUSSIONS' are written in smaller, bold, brown letters, separated by a decorative banner and flourishes.

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## FAMILY DINNER DISCUSSIONS

### FUN

1. If we could have any celebrity over for dinner, whom would you want to have? Why? What do you think we would serve them? Why that dish?
2. If you could plan dinner for our family at any location in the world, where would it be and why?
3. If our family had a cooking show on TV, what would be our specialties and style of food?
4. What is one restaurant that we have never been to as a family that you would like to try sometime?
5. If you could be any food item, what food item would you be, and why?
6. If our family was stuck on a deserted island for a week and we could have an unlimited supply of only one food item, what would it be?
7. If you were to jump off a tall building and safely land in a pool filled with soft food, what would it be?
8. What famous food or beverage factory would you love to visit? Why?
9. If you could create a candy bar, what are the ingredients, and what is its' name?
10. If you were to open a restaurant, what kind of food would you serve? What would be the name of the restaurant?

### SCHOOL

11. Tell us one thing you liked about today and one thing you didn't?
12. Is there someone you got to know better today? What did you find out new about them?
13. If you could rewind and do one thing differently this last week, what would it be and why?
14. Who is one person (student or adult) at your school that seems like they are having a rough week? What could we do as a family to encourage them next week?
15. What is one thing you are thankful for about your school year? Why?
16. If you were a teacher, what subject would you teach? What is one fun thing you would do as a teacher to make the subject more interesting?
17. If you could change or add one positive thing to your school, what would it be?
18. If you could build a school in a country somewhere around the world, where would it be? Why?
19. What is one topic or subject you have never had in school? Which one would you love to add?
20. If Jesus were to attend your school tomorrow, what do you think would happen? What do you think your friend's reactions would be?

### FAMILY/HOME

21. When you start a family of your own, how many kids do you want to have? How many boys and how many girls?
22. When you are a parent, what do you think is going to be your most important rule you are going to have?
23. If you were to switch roles with me for a day and I had to attend your school, how do you think I would do?
24. If you were to switch roles with me for a day and you had to do what I do all day, how do you think you would do?
25. If you were going to plan our next family trip or vacation, where would it be, and what would we do?
26. Jesus had brothers and sisters. What do you think would be the hardest thing about being Jesus' little brother or sister?
27. If our family were on a reality show, what show would it be and how do you think we would do?
28. What is your favorite family memory or memories?
29. What is one thing you look forward to doing when you are a parent? Why?
30. What is one thing you don't look forward to doing when you are a parent? Why?
31. If our family could go away on a mission trip together, where would you want to go, and what would we do to serve others?
32. If you could add one room onto our house, what kind would it be, and how would we decorate it?

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

33. What is one thing God has taught you or shown you lately?
34. What is one verse that you have read or heard that has really been your favorite?
35. What is your favorite praise and worship song or Christian song lately? Why is it your favorite?
36. Tell me what you learned in church/youth group/Sunday School today/this week?
37. If you could be a person from the Bible, who would you be?
38. What is one question you have had about Christianity or God that we, as a family, could study and find out more?
39. Who is one person in your life right now that you can share the love of Christ?
40. What is one way we can encourage you this week in your spiritual life and walk with Christ?
41. If you could have dinner with Jesus, what is one question you would ask Him?
42. What is one thing you are excited about when it comes to heaven and eternity with God?
43. Of all the miracles that Jesus did, which one would you want to attend, and why?
44. If you could memorize a whole book of the Bible, which one would it be?

## PERSONAL THOUGHTS

45. If you could solve one global problem in our world, what would it be? Why?
46. If you could sit down and be honest with someone in your life right now- and you knew they wouldn't get mad- who would it be and what would you say?
47. If you could sum up who you are in one word, what would it be?
48. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
49. If you could change one thing about your life right now, what would it be?
50. When you grow up, what is one thing you would like to do or accomplish?
51. What is one of your happiest moments?
52. What is one thing about our family dinner times that you enjoy?

