

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: *In your previous follow-up conversation with your student, the two of you prayed for someone in his or her life who needs to hear the gospel. Ask if anything has yet come of that prayer. Encourage your student to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting when the opportunity to bring up the gospel arises and pray that God would give your student boldness to seize that opportunity when it is time. Take turns praying for both this person in your student's life and for that opportunity.*

This session covered Matthew 11:2-30 in which Jesus denounced a few towns for their hard-heartedness toward the miracles that had been performed before their eyes. Some of the people of these cities refused to believe the gospel even in the face of its proof. Then, in verse 25, He said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to infants." Take Jesus' words and encourage your student that, despite his or her young age, God can still do awesome and mighty things. Though there may be militant atheists out there with extensive educations, your student who holds fast to the gospel is standing in the truth. Extend Jesus' invitation to come to Him and find rest in verses 28-30 and speak with your student about the things that are burdening him or her. Cast your student's burdens upon the Lord together in prayer.

CENTRAL TRUTH

The cities who saw Jesus perform miracles and rejected Him became particular objects of God's wrath, yet even in His just wrath, Jesus offered deliverance for the weary and still does today.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Jesus denounced the towns in which people saw miracles performed, but refused to believe. Their hearts were hard. For some skeptics, even seeing the miracles they demand would not be enough. After this teaching, Jesus glorifies the Father for having His will done and for not showing favoritism according to age and wisdom. The final portion of this Scripture is a beautiful invitation for those who are burdened by the law and sin to take on the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ.
- › **Memorize:** Matthew 11:28
- › **Pray:** Praise God for the way He can reveal truth to children that wise adults do not understand (v. 25). Thank Him for revealing the truth through His Son and invite the Holy Spirit's presence into your life. Ask God to have His will done in your life. Give to Him your burdens and confess to Him your sins; exchanging them for the fullness of Christ and committing to walk in step with His Spirit this week.