

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: Challenge yourself to read 1-2 Peter and Jude along with your son or daughter as they study God's Word. This will allow your conversation to be deeper and more genuine.

Begin by reading and studying 1 Peter 2:1-10. We know that desires dictate behavior. Think about it, when you really want something, that desire begins to influence everything you say and do. Peter deeply understood the importance of desires. To truly grow in Christ, it's not enough to merely cut out bad behaviors from our lives, we must replace them. According to Peter, we need God to redirect our desires toward those things that will give us spiritual nourishment. Ask your son or daughter specifically what their plan is for spiritual growth, and how you can help them in these disciplines. Don't force them to read the Bible with you, but challenge them to come up with their own plan to study God's Word and spend time in prayer and community with other believers. If your son or daughter is not involved in the student group at your church or any sort of regular Bible study, consider opportunities for them to be in community studying God's Word with other believers.

CENTRAL TRUTH

We grow spiritually by longing for, looking to, and living for Jesus.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Do you have a plan for spiritual growth? Come up with a plan to help deepen your longing for Christ this week. One of the ways we do this is through spiritual disciplines like prayer, Bible study, and community. Make plans to devote time and energy to these disciplines this week. When will you read your Bible? When will you pray? Have you considered starting a journal where you record your insights as you study God's Word?
- › **Memorize:** 1 Peter 2:10
- › **Pray:** Thank God for Jesus, the firm foundation of our faith. Pray that He would make you long more and more for a deeper, more joyful relationship with Him. Pray that He would continue to grow your group into a spiritual house that lives for His glory.