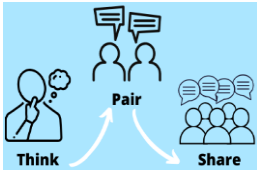


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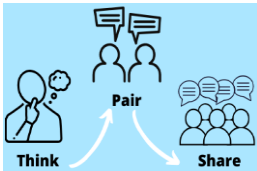


## Speaking the Truth in Love - The Goal

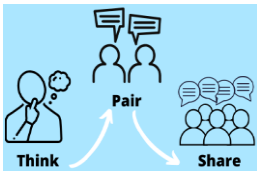


Partner up with someone in the room and discuss what you would do or have done in the following scenario.

*Your doorbell rings. You were in the middle of doing something. You see that it's a pair of LDS missionaries. You...*



Why do you think you responded the way that you did?



Describe to your partner a recent faith-sharing conversation that you had. When did it happen? How did the conversation start? To you, what was positive, negative, and neutral about the conversations?

Read the following portion of the Bible and answer: Who are we and what do we do?

**1 Peter 2:9–10** (NIV) <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Read the following portions of the Bible and answer: Why do we declare the praises of God who called us out of darkness and into his wonderful light? What will happen when we do this?

**Romans 10:9–17** (NIV) <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” <sup>16</sup> But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

**Isaiah 55:1–13** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. <sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. <sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” <sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. <sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

How is Evangelism different from Outreach? Why do we need both?

Read the following passages and list what was needed for evangelism to happen.

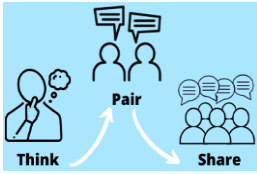
**Acts 8:30–35** (NIV) <sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 3:5–7** (NIV) <sup>5</sup> What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

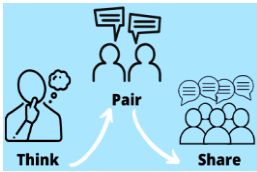
**Acts 4:13** (NIV) <sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

What do we need for evangelism to happen?

What are some ways that you connect with the lost?



Thinking back to the opening question about what you do when you see LDS missionaries at your door, how would that change if you saw under their nametags the status of their current spiritual trajectory, that it read "lost and heading to hell"?



What are you willing to endure to potentially change that status under their nametags of their current spiritual trajectory of "lost and heading to hell"?

What is our goal in sharing our faith with the LDS?

What are your takeaways from this first section?

## Know Who You Are Talking To



Partner up with someone in the room and discuss what you know about the LDS.

What do we call them? Consider these quotes from their current living prophet, Russel Nelson, in a talk entitled, “The Correct Name of the Church” given at their General Conference in October 2018.

Today I feel compelled to discuss with you a matter of great importance. Some weeks ago, I released a statement regarding a course correction for the name of the Church. I did this because the Lord impressed upon my mind the importance of the name He decreed for His Church, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As you would expect, responses to this statement and to the revised style guide have been mixed. Many members immediately corrected the name of the Church on their blogs and social media pages. Others wondered why, with all that’s going on in the world, it was necessary to emphasize something so “inconsequential.” And some said it couldn’t be done, so why even try? Let me explain why we care so deeply about this issue. But first let me state what this effort is not: It is not a name change. It is not rebranding. It is not cosmetic. It is not a whim. And it is not inconsequential.

Instead, it is a correction. It is the command of the Lord. Joseph Smith did not name the Church restored through him; neither did Mormon. It was the Savior Himself who said, “For thus shall my church be called in the last days, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.”

Even earlier, in AD 34, our resurrected Lord gave similar instruction to members of His Church when He visited them in the Americas. At that time He said: “Ye shall call the church in my name. ... “And how be it my church save it be called in my name? For if a church be called in Moses’ name then it be Moses’ church; or if it be called in the name of a man then it be the church of a man; but if it be called in my name then it is my church.”

Thus, the name of the Church is not negotiable. When the Savior clearly states what the name of His Church should be and even precedes His declaration with, “Thus shall my church be called,” He is serious. And if we allow nicknames to be used or adopt or even sponsor those nicknames ourselves, He is offended.

What's in a name or, in this case, a nickname? When it comes to nicknames of the Church, such as the "LDS Church," the "Mormon Church," or the "Church of the Latter-day Saints," the most important thing in those names is the absence of the Savior's name. To remove the Lord's name from the Lord's Church is a major victory for Satan. When we discard the Savior's name, we are subtly disregarding all that Jesus Christ did for us—even His Atonement...

...When we omit His name from His Church, we are inadvertently removing Him as the central focus of our lives.

Taking the Savior's name upon us includes declaring and witnessing to others—through our actions and our words—that Jesus is the Christ. Have we been so afraid to offend someone who called us "Mormons" that we have failed to defend the Savior Himself, to stand up for Him even in the name by which His Church is called?

If we as a people and as individuals are to have access to the power of the Atonement of Jesus Christ—to cleanse and heal us, to strengthen and magnify us, and ultimately to exalt us—we must clearly acknowledge Him as the source of that power. We can begin by calling His Church by the name He decreed.

For much of the world, the Lord's Church is presently disguised as the "Mormon Church." But we as members of the Lord's Church know who stands at its head: Jesus Christ Himself. Unfortunately, many who hear the term Mormon may think that we worship Mormon. Not so! We honor and respect that great ancient American prophet. But we are not Mormon's disciples. We are the Lord's disciples...

...We will want to be courteous and patient in our efforts to correct these errors. Responsible media will be sympathetic in responding to our request...

...Our revised style guide is helpful. It states: "In the first reference, the full name of the Church is preferred: 'The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.' When a shortened [second] reference is needed, the terms 'the Church' or the 'Church of Jesus Christ' are encouraged. The 'restored Church of Jesus Christ' is also accurate and encouraged."...

What do they want us to call them?

What should we do in regards to how we refer to their church and why?

We will spend considerable time learning about the LDS religion and culture. Why do this?

**1 Corinthians 9:19–23** (NIV) <sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

What are your takeaways from this section?

## Know Who You Are Talking To – Their Origins

It all starts with Joseph Smith and hinges on him...

**Doctrine and Covenants 135:3** Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it. ... He has brought forth the Book of Mormon, which he translated by the gift and power of God; ... [he] left a fame and name that cannot be slain. He lived great, and he died great in the eyes of God and his people; and like most of the Lord’s anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and his works with his own blood.

What are your takeaways from this section?



# Know Who You Are Talking To – Their Image

## WHO ARE THE MORMONS

### A CHRIST-CENTERED FAITH

Percentage of sacramental worship services that focus on Jesus Christ

**100%**

Million worship services with the sacrament (communion) administered in Christ's name last year

**1.3**

Members believe the Bible is holy scripture testifying of Christ's divinity, and the Book of Mormon is another testament of Jesus Christ

**HOLY BIBLE**

**Book of Mormon**

Jesus Christ is mentioned 3,925 times in the Book of Mormon – a mention every 1.7 verses

### A DEVOUT FAITH

9 out of 10 members pray weekly, and more than 80% pray daily

According to an independent study, Mormons are among the most knowledgeable of the Bible and religion

**HOLY BIBLE**

A recent Pew study reported 77% of members attend church at least weekly compared to 39% of the U.S. average

**4th**

The LDS Church is the fourth largest religious body in the U.S.

**39%**

**77%**

### A FAMILY FAITH

81% say being a good parent is among their top goals in life, compared to 50% of the general public

**81%**

**50%**

Of the U.S. view Mormons as having strong family values

**87%**

Members read scriptures or pray with their children and send them to receive religious education

**9 of 10**

73% list a successful marriage as a top priority, compared to 34% of the public

### A GIVING FAITH

**Ninety-Six**  
Percent donate to religious causes per year

**Eighty**  
Percent donate to nonreligious causes per year

**Seventy**  
Percent participate in religious volunteering

**x2 Fasting**  
Once a month, Mormons go without food and drink and donate at least the cost of two meals to charity

### A GLOBAL FAITH

More members live outside the U.S. than inside

**14,131,467**  
Total Church Membership

**185**  
Number of countries, nations and territories the Church is found in

**28,660**  
Congregations Worldwide

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# THE MORMON INFOGRAPHIC FOR MORMONS!



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DO YOU WEAR A **CTR ring?**



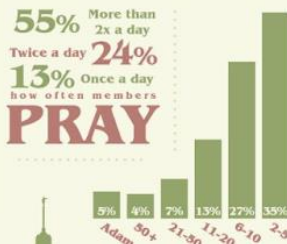
Favorite Song  
**I Am A Child of God**

2nd - I Stand All Amazed  
3rd - I Know That My Redeemer Lives



52% of members surveyed were baptized when they were 8.  
% of members surveyed were baptized as converts. **48**

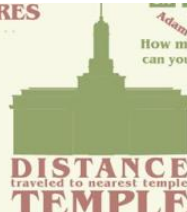
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## THE SCRIPTURES



19% of members believe that **Steve Martin** is a member. **HE IS NOT.**



**DISTANCE** traveled to nearest **TEMPLE**

Over 300 miles	- 3%
100-300 miles	- 21%
50-100 miles	- 16%
20-50 miles	- 20%
5-20 miles	- 21%
1-5 miles	- 15%

How many generations back can you trace your family tree?

Only **39%** of members that served a mission learned a new **idioma** (language).

## NEPHI

is the favorite Book of Mormon prophet.

# of times the church is brought up with a **NON MEMBER**



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## THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS CARES FOR THOSE IN NEED

**A CENTRAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO HELP THE POOR AND NEEDY**

When individuals and families cannot provide for themselves, they can turn to their local bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### HOW THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS REACH OUT:

**Once a month** Church members fast for **2 consecutive meals**.

Members then contribute **monetary donations at least equal to the value of 2 meals** to help those in need.

Each year thousands of Welfare Service **volunteers donate more than 7 million hours** to the Church's food production and other welfare facilities.

### ASSISTING FAMILIES AND PROMOTING SELF-RELIANCE

THE CHURCH HAS:

- 136** storehouses
- 51** farms and ranches
- 42** thrift stores with employment training opportunities
- 115** employment centers
- 82** family services offices
- 12** food production facilities

...AND PROVIDES RELIEF WHEN DISASTERS STRIKE:

More than **132** emergency response projects in **60** countries

Humanitarian assistance initiatives in **131** countries

More than **10 million** beneficiaries around the world

...WHERE POSSIBLE:

**WELFARE RECIPIENTS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK, TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR ABILITY, until they no longer need assistance. That's how Church welfare assistance helps people help themselves.**

**ADDITIONAL WAYS THE CHURCH REACHES OUT TO THOSE IN NEED:**

- Mobilizes** for natural and man-made disasters
- Provides** humanitarian assistance with disaster relief; maternal and newborn care; and immunization, wheelchair, clean water, and vision support
- Improves** agricultural and medical practices
- Organizes** addiction recovery groups
- Supports** employment training and opportunities
- Supervises** welfare projects
- Partners** with governments, nonprofit organizations, and businesses

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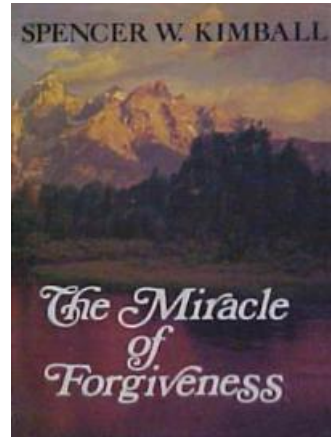
To learn more about the Church's humanitarian missions, visit us at [MormonNewsroom.org/LDScharities](http://MormonNewsroom.org/LDScharities)

By their own publications, what do the LDS want you to know about their faith? How are these things attractive?

While these can be very attractive features, what do they teach when it comes to forgiveness? Consider these quotes from Spencer W. Kimball, a former president of the LDS Church.

To every forgiveness there is a condition. the plaster must be as wide as the sore. the fasting, the prayers, the humility must be equal to or greater than the sin. *Teachings of Presidents of the Church, Spencer W. Kimball, p. 38*

It depends upon whether or not you are forgiven, and when. it could be weeks, it could be years, it could be centuries before that happy day when you have the positive assurance that the Lord has forgiven you. that depends on your humility, your sincerity, your works, your attitudes. *The Miracle of Forgiveness, Spencer W. Kimball, p. 325*



If Spencer Kimball were the leader of your faith, what would you believe about forgiveness?

What are your takeaways from this section?

# **Know Who You Are Talking To – Their Theology**

Using the following sections to take notes regarding what the LDS Plan of Salvation is.

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**Jesus & Lucifer**

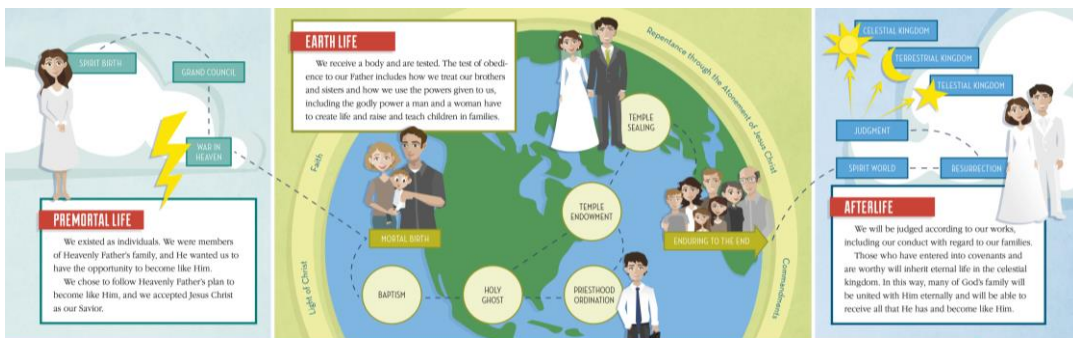
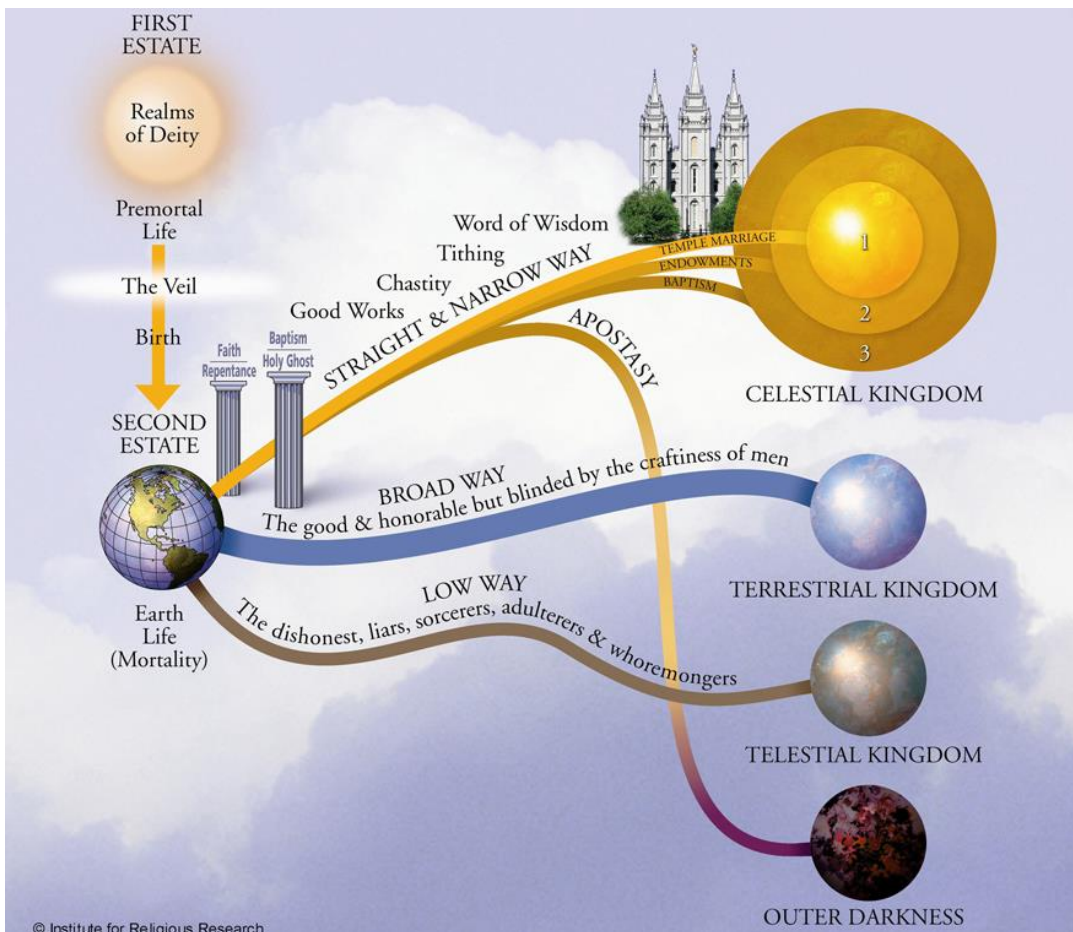
**First Principles & Ordinances**

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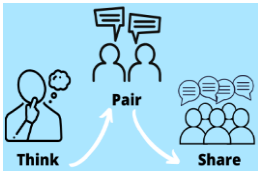
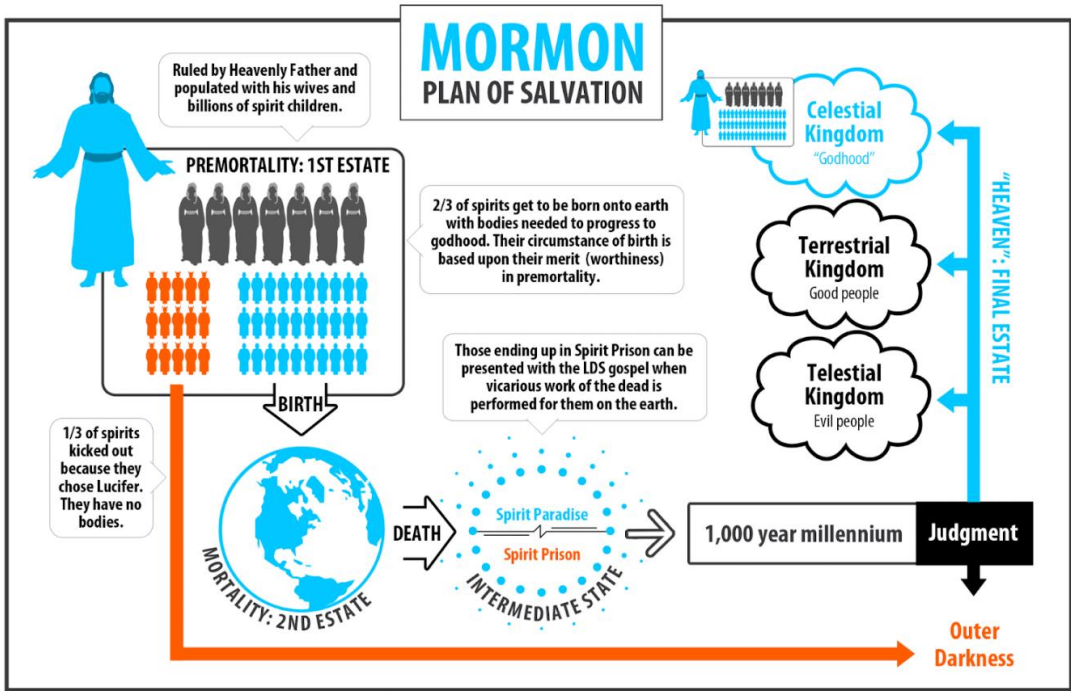
**Temple Ordinance: Eternal Marriage**

**Postmortality**



# THE PLAN OF SALVATION

THE PLAN OF HAPPINESS IS A PLAN FOR FAMILIES.



How can you get to know what the LDS believe?

What are your takeaways from this section?

# Know What You Are Talking About with 4 Key Concepts

What is the “plan” or simply the message of how we are saved? We can break that down into four key concepts. You can find all four in **Ephesians 2:1-10**.

**Ephesians 2:1–10** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## #1 Sin

To understand anything else in the Bible we must first understand the first key biblical concept sin. We cannot grasp why there is so much hardship in this world and our life unless we understand sin. We cannot appreciate our need for a Savior unless we understand sin. That’s the focus of the first key biblical concept: The Problem - Sin.

Where did sin originate?

**Genesis 3:1–13** (NIV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ”



<sup>4</sup>“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup>He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

<sup>11</sup>And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

What exactly is sin?

**Psalm 51:5** (NIV) <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**John 3:6** (NIV) <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

**Matthew 15:19** (NIV) <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

Who is guilty of sin?

**James 2:10** (NIV) <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

**Romans 3:23** (NIV) <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

What does sin do to us?

**Romans 6:23** (NIV) <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death...

**Isaiah 59:2–3** (NIV) <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. <sup>3</sup> For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things.

## #2 Grace

Every single person born has the same problem: they are lost in their sin. But does that mean that we will experience the punishment of hell? That's the focus of the second key biblical concept: The Solution - Grace.

What is God's grace?

**Titus 3:4–5** (NIV) <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

What was God's gracious plan of salvation?

**1 John 4:9–10** (NIV) <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

What is the result of God showing his grace to us?

**Romans 8:1** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

**Hebrews 2:14–15** (NIV) <sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

**Titus 3:5–7** (NIV) <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

### #3 Faith

We've looked at how everyone is guilty of sin, and therefore deserving of the punishment of hell. But we also saw how God responded to humankind's hopelessness by graciously sending his Son Jesus to pay for sin. That raises the question, "If Jesus paid for everyone's sins, isn't everyone going to be saved?" The answer revolves around the third key concept: God's Gift of Faith.

What is the difference between those who are saved and those who aren't?

**John 3:16–18** (NIV) <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

**2 Thessalonians 1:8–9** (NIV) <sup>8</sup> He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

What is "faith"?

**John 14:1** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

**Isaiah 12:2** (NIV) <sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."

**Romans 3:22** (NIV) <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile.

Does faith save us?

**Genesis 15:6** (NIV) <sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

**Romans 4:23–24** (NIV) <sup>23</sup> The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

**Philippians 3:8–9** (NIV) <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

How does someone come to faith?

**John 15:16** (NIV) <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

**Romans 10:17** (NIV) <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

**1 Corinthians 12:3** (NIV) <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

#### **#4 Works**

Not only is the sacrifice Christ made for us a gift from God, but our faith is also a gift from God! Our salvation, then, is entirely God’s doing. This raises the logical question, “What about our good works? How do they fit in?” That is the focus of our final key biblical concept – works.

What part do good works play in our salvation?

**Galatians 5:4** (NIV) <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

Why do we do good works?

**1 John 4:19** (NIV) <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us.

**2 Corinthians 5:14–15** (NIV) <sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

**Galatians 2:20** (NIV) <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

How do we do good works?

**John 15:4–5** (NIV) <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

**Philippians 2:13** (NIV) <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

**2 Corinthians 9:8** (NIV) <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

What guidance does God give us to help us learn what he considers is good?

**Psalms 119:105** (NIV) <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

**2 Timothy 3:16–17** (NIV) <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

What are your takeaways from this section?

## Know Who You Are Talking To – Their Vocabulary

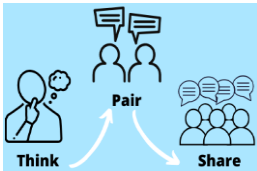
In the following table, write the LDS meaning to each of these key terms and then how connect them to the biblical concept.

Word	Biblical Meaning	LDS hear...	Instead, say...
Scripture	Luke 24:25-27		
Gospel	Romans 1:16-17		
Jesus Savior	2 Corinthians 5:21		
Sin	Leviticus 5:17 James 2:10		
Sinful Nature Original Sin	Psalm 51:5		
Atonement	Hebrews 9:13-15		
Saved / Salvation	Matthew 1:21		



<b>Word</b>	<b>Biblical Meaning</b>	<b>LDS hear...</b>	<b>Instead, say...</b>
<b>Grace</b>	Ephesians 2:8-9		
<b>Free</b>	Isaiah 55:1		
<b>Faith</b>	Romans 10:9-11,17		
<b>Justify Justification</b>	Romans 3:21-24		
<b>Repentance</b>	Daniel 9:4-6,16-19		
<b>Forgiveness</b>	Hebrews 10:14-18		
<b>Sanctification</b>	2 Timothy 1:9		
<b>Heaven</b>	John 14:1-3		

What is the Bible's plan of salvation?

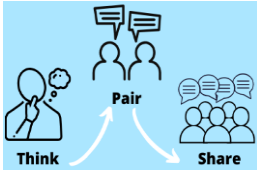


Partner up with someone in the room and explain the Bible's plan of salvation using vocabulary that an LDS person would understand.

How can we be sure that we aren't talking past each other?

What are your takeaways from this section?

# Know Who You Are Talking To – Their Authority



Partner up with someone in the room and discuss what you know about the LDS authority – who’s in charge, who does what, who has the final say in what they believe.

**The Book of Mormon**

**The Bible**

**Doctrine & Covenants**

**The Pearl of Great Price**

**The Priesthood – Aaronic & Melchizedek**

**The Bishop**

**General Authorities**

**The Living Prophet / President**

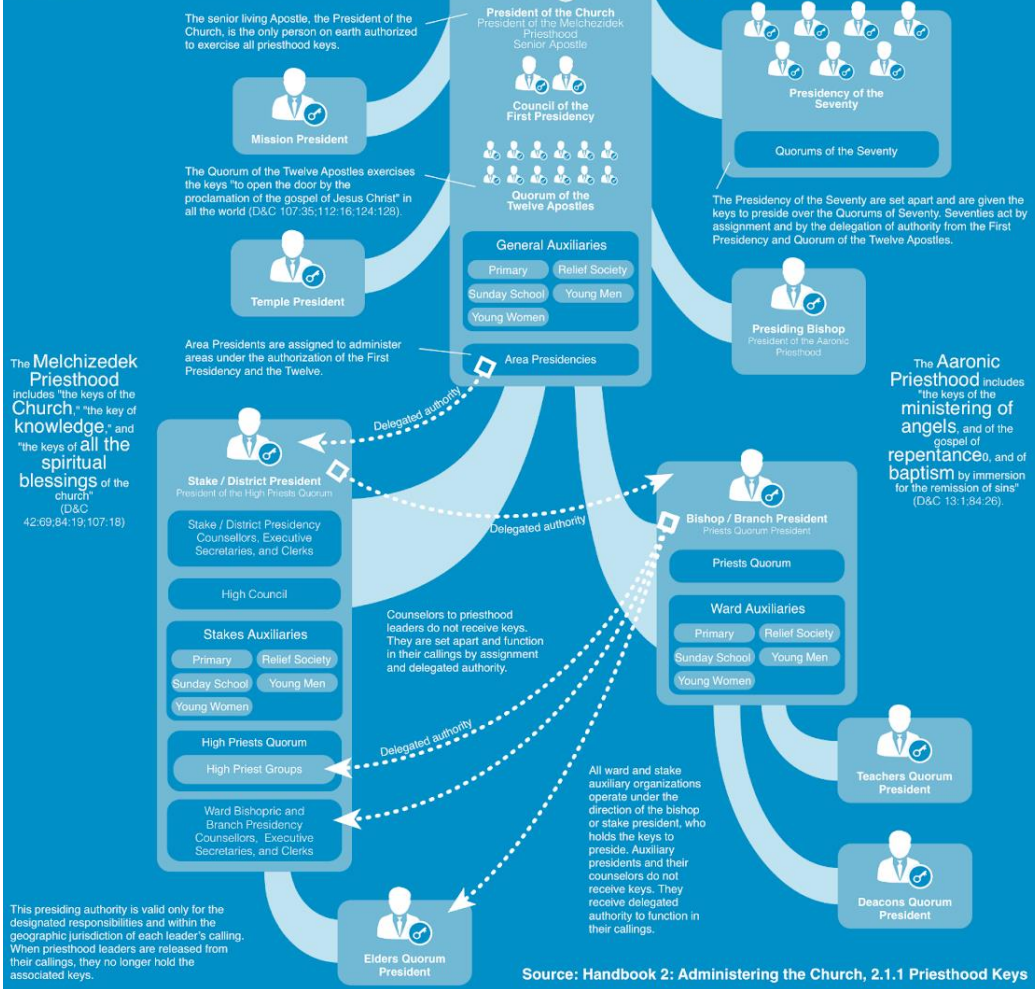
**Feelings**

**Testimony**

# Priesthood Keys

Jesus Christ holds all the keys of the priesthood pertaining to His Church. He has conferred upon each of His Apostles all the keys that pertain to the kingdom of God on earth. (see D&C 43:1–4; 81:2; 107:64–67, 91–92; 132:7).

Priesthood keys are the authority God has given to priesthood leaders to direct, control, and govern the use of His priesthood on earth. The exercise of priesthood authority is governed by those who hold its keys (see D&C 65:2; 81:2; 124:123).



Source: Handbook 2: Administering the Church, 2.1.1 Priesthood Keys



## deacon duties

- PASS THE SACRAMENT
- GATHERING FAST OFFERINGS
- GIVING SERVICE



## teacher duties

- DEACON DUTIES PLUS +
- PREPARE THE SACRAMENT
- SERVE AS HOME TEACHERS



## priest duties

- DEACON & PRIEST DUTIES PLUS +
- BLESS THE SACRAMENT
- BAPTIZE
- ORDAIN OTHERS



## melchizedek duties



- ADMINISTER TO THE SICK
- GIVE SPECIAL BLESSINGS
- HOME TEACHING
- BESTOW THE HOLY GHOST
- ORDAIN OTHER PRIESTHOOD HOLDERS
- TEACH FAMILIES THE GOSPEL
- PARTICIPATE IN TEMPLE WORK
- PROVIDE FOR FAMILY
- HELP THOSE IN NEED
- PARTICIPATE IN CHURCH MEETINGS
- SERVE IN CALLINGS

# LAY LEADERSHIP

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## Stake

A stake is a geographic area similar to a Catholic diocese. Each stake is composed of multiple local congregations of 200-500 members, called wards or branches.

### Stake Presidency

The stake president and his counselors are responsible for ministering to all the congregations in their stake.

### High Council

The high council assists the stake presidency in ministering to individual ward leadership.

### Auxiliary Presidencies

Under the direction of the stake presidency, auxiliary presidencies help minister to individual ward leadership.

- Relief Society Presidency
- Young Men Presidency
- Young Women Presidency
- Sunday School Presidency
- Children's Primary Presidency

### Bishopric

The bishop and his two counselors have primary responsibility for ministering to ward members.

## Wards

A ward is a local congregation typically consisting of 200-500 members.

### Ward Council

The ward council assists the bishopric in ministering to ward members.

### Ward Auxiliaries

Under the direction of the bishopric, ward auxiliary presidencies minister directly to specific groups of members.

### Lay Priesthood Presidency

### Relief Society Presidency

### Families and Individuals

Members are typically invited to serve within their local congregations. Members are called into ministry positions at the ward level by the bishop and are called to stake positions by the stake president.

### Young Men Presidency

### Young Women Presidency

### Sunday School Presidency

### Children's Primary Presidency

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Why is it important to know their authority?

With all of these authorities, what chance do we have of reaching the LDS?

What are your takeaways from this section?

# Know Who You Are Talking To – On Sunday

Use the space below to note specifics regarding what the LDS do on Sunday.

**Sabbath**

**Sacrament Meeting**

**Ward**

**Fast & Testimony Meeting**

**Testimony**

**Classes**

**Dress**

**Donations**

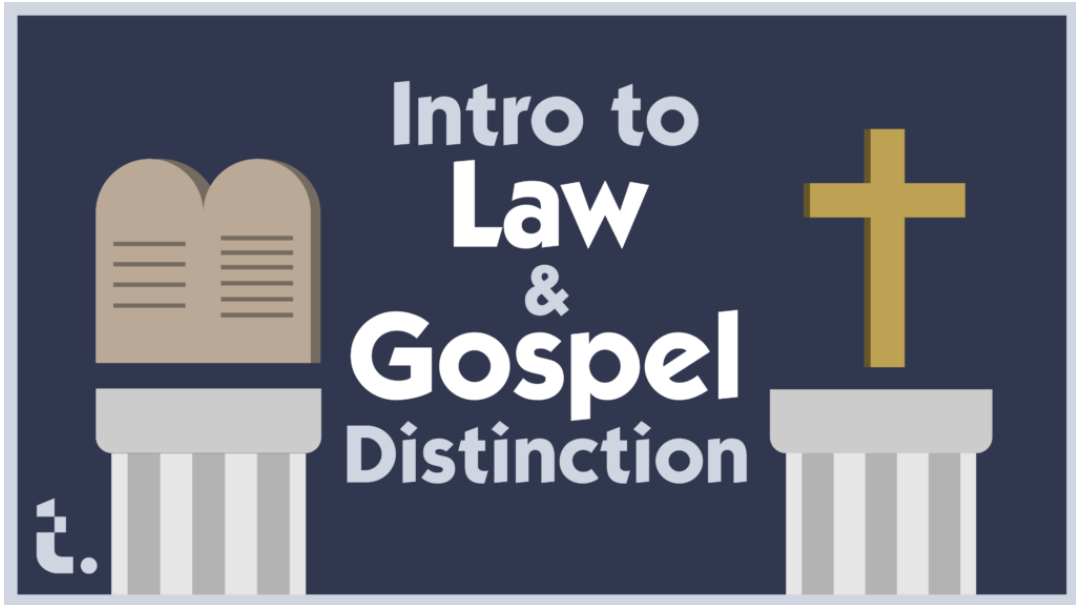
**Curriculum**



Your LDS neighbor invites you to attend an event at their ward. Partner up with someone in the room and discuss reasons to accept the invitation and reasons to not.

What are your takeaways from this section?

## Speaking the Truth in Love with Law



How do you distinguish the biblical teachings of law and gospel?

The **law**...

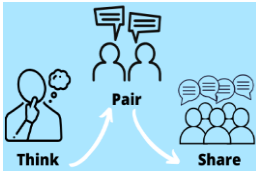
- tells me that I must be something or do something.
- says that God hates sin and the one who sins.
- shows my sinfulness and need for someone to save me.
- terrifies, conflicts, and burdens a person
- is bad news for me!

The **gospel**...

- tells me that God has done it all for me, making no demands of me.
- says that God loves the world, including me.
- shows my Savior.
- comforts, soothes, and motivates me to do good things.
- is good news for me!

Why is it loving to use God's law with someone who is LDS?





Partner up with someone in the room and discuss how the following Bible passages show the impossibility of keeping God's laws.

**Matthew 5:48** (NIV) <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**James 2:10** (NIV) <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

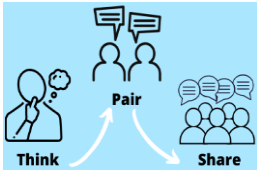
**Galatians 3:10** (NIV) <sup>10</sup> For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

What of the LDS faith can you also hold before them to show the impossibility of keeping God's commands?

What are your takeaways from this section?

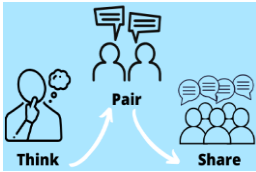
## Speaking the Truth in Love with Gospel

You've been crushed by the impossibility of being perfection according to God's standard. Now what do you do? You apply the sweet, sweet gospel.



Partner up with someone in the room and discuss how **Hebrews 10:10-18** shows us the sweet message of what God has done for us.

**Hebrews 10:10–18** (NIV) <sup>10</sup> And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. <sup>11</sup> Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. <sup>15</sup> The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: <sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” <sup>17</sup> Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” <sup>18</sup> And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.



Partner up with someone in the room and discuss how you can use **Matthew 18:21-35** to define forgiveness with someone who is LDS.

**Matthew 18:21–35** (NIV) <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

What are your takeaways from this section?

## **Speaking the Truth in Love with Attention to Their Arguments**

Yes, we know that we have the truth of God's Word, but that doesn't mean that we should dismiss their arguments. We need to listen and respond in a way that allows us to speak the truth in love.

**"God doesn't expect us to be perfect right now but eventually."**

**"I'm Christian like you." OR "We believe the same things."**

**"You need to do good works."**

**"Joseph Smith is a true prophet of God."**

**"We need to have a living prophet."**

**"If you read the Book of Mormon and pray about it, the Holy Ghost will show you that it is true."**

**"The Book of Mormon has been proven by archeology."**

**“The Bible is incomplete.”**

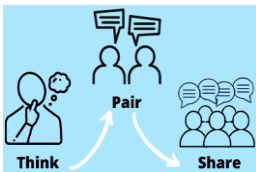
**“The Book of Mormon and the Bible work in harmony with each other.”**

**The Parable of the Piano**

**The Parable of the Mediator**

**The Parable of the Bicycle**

**The Parable of the Slope**



Partner up with someone in the room. Pick 2 of the LDS arguments. For the first argument, have one person be the evangelist and the other be the LDS person. Practice responding to their argument. Then switch, and do the same for the second argument you picked.

What are your takeaways from this section?

## Speaking the Truth in Love Additional Resources

This study is not the end all and be all of equipping you for sharing the Gospel with our LDS friends. Here are more resources to help you.

**Book - “Speaking the Truth in Love to Mormons”** by Mark J. Cares

Speaking the Truth in Love to Mormons places the gospel of Jesus Christ at the center of discussion in witnessing. It has been transformational in helping many Christians better understand Mormons and how best to reach them. If you don't want to purchase a copy for yourself, talk to Pastor Klein.

**Book – “Dictionary of Mormonese”** by Mark J. Cares

Learn To Speak Their Language. Mormonism might share a vocabulary with Christianity, but shared terms like grace, salvation and atonement have very different meanings to LDS ears. You can order this book or access it digitally at [tilm.org/dictionary-of-mormonese/](http://tilm.org/dictionary-of-mormonese/)

**Book - Unveiling Grace: The Story of How We Found Our Way out of the Mormon Church** by Lynn K. Wilder

A gripping story of how an entire family, deeply enmeshed in Mormonism for thirty years, found their way out and found faith in Jesus Christ. Lynn herself was a tenured professor at BYU.

**Digital Books - [www.utlm.org/booklist/digitalbooks.htm](http://www.utlm.org/booklist/digitalbooks.htm)** by Jared & Sandra Tanner

Jared & Sandra Tanner are a husband-wife team who founded the Utah Lighthouse Ministry. These authors are ex-LDS and spent extensive time researching their faith before leaving it and becoming Christians. Although their books are out of print, you can download the digital editions for free at the above website.

**Videos – Be Ye Perfect** (<https://www.youtube.com/@BeYePerfect>)

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48) These words of Jesus are so important. They set the standard for being acceptable to Heavenly Father. We invite you to watch the videos here and to visit our website, [beyeperfect.org](http://beyeperfect.org), to learn how we can meet God's standards and be perfect.

**Videos – Truth in Love Ministry** (<https://www.youtube.com/@truthinloveministry>)

We are a group of Christians who care deeply about sharing the truth of God's infinite grace in love with our Mormon friends.

**Website – Truth in Love Ministry ([tilm.org](http://tilm.org))**

TILM's website is full of resources to equip and empower Christians to share the truth in love to the LDS through witnessing courses, training, and personalized mentoring.

**Website – Please Open the Door ([tilm.org/training/potd](http://tilm.org/training/potd))**

TILM's Please Open the Door program provides step-by-step training, resources and mentoring support for sharing your faith with LDS missionaries, using our unique, loving approach.

**Website – Be Ye Perfect ([beyeperfect.org](http://beyeperfect.org))**

This website is run by TILM and is designed specifically for the LDS who are seeking to learn who God is and what he has done for them. There are many Bible study tools and courses designed to help people answer the question, "How do you know if you've done enough to be worthy? What is Jesus is enough?"

**Web Resource – Truth in Love Ministry Facebook Page ([facebook.com/TILM.org](https://facebook.com/TILM.org))**

Resources from TILM shared on Facebook.

**Web Support Group – The Truth in Love Online Community**

([facebook.com/groups/witnessinlove](https://facebook.com/groups/witnessinlove))

A place for TILM's online course participants to go deeper into the online course material, engage with other participants, ask questions, share prayer requests, and mutually encourage one another.

**Web Support Group – Truth in Love Ministry: Friends & Family Support**

([facebook.com/groups/TILM.FAF](https://facebook.com/groups/TILM.FAF))

TILM formed this group because it is very difficult having a loved one involved in Mormonism: either by being a member of the LDS Church or even by considering joining it. At such times it is very helpful to have the understanding and support of our fellow Christians. That is one reason why the Lord warns against isolating ourselves. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25). This group is one place where people in similar situations can meet together and encourage each other.

**Web Resource – Let's Go ([welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go](http://welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go))**

*Let's Go* is designed to encourage and equip Christians to connect unchurched people in their lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It can be used by large or small Bible study groups as well as by individual Christians. This Bible study was put together by WELS members.



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