

Visiting Teaching Message



Teaching the Doctrines of the Kingdom of God

Relief Society helps sisters learn the doctrines of the gospel through studying the scriptures and teachings of latter-day prophets.



How Do We Learn the Doctrines of the Kingdom?

Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: "It is incumbent upon each of us to do everything we can to increase our spiritual knowledge and understanding by studying the scriptures and the words of the living prophets. When we read and study the revelations, the Spirit can confirm in our hearts the truth of what we are learning; in this way, the voice of the Lord speaks to each one of us. As we ponder the teachings of the gospel and apply them in daily living, we become better prepared to receive additional light and truth" ("Marvelous Are the Revelations of the Lord," Ensign, May 1998, 32).

President Gordon B. Hinckley: "I hope that [scripture study] will become something far more enjoyable than a duty; that, rather, it will become a love affair with the word of God. I promise you that as you read, your minds will be enlightened and your spirits will be lifted. At first it may seem tedious, but that will change into a wondrous experience with thoughts and words of things divine" ("The Light within You," Ensign, May 1995, 99).

What Are Our Teaching Responsibilities as Members of Relief Society?

Bonnie D. Parkin, Relief Society general president: "The home is the central place where we teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom, but the home is supported by the teaching and the learning that takes place at church. As Relief Society leaders and teachers, we can help accomplish this mission through effective gospel teaching... When effective teaching occurs in Relief Society, sisters will be spiritually uplifted and better able to apply gospel principles in their lives. I believe effective teaching includes knowing your sisters, relying on the Spirit, and allowing the sisters to feel the love of the Lord in their lives" ("Teaching: An Entrance to the Heart" [address delivered at Relief Society open house, fall 2004]).

