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LESSON 2:

# Your Missionary Purpose

Ponder: What is The Doctrine of Christ?

Simply stated, the doctrine of Christ is the principles and teachings of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Read 3 Nephi 11:18-41 and consider what the Lord Jesus Christ teaches in these verses about His doctrine.
- Review the following statement of the purpose of a missionary: A missionary’s purpose is to “invite others to come unto Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement, repentance, baptism, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end”  
(*Preach My Gospel: A Guide to Missionary Service*, Chapter 1).



*How does this statement relate to the doctrine of Christ as given in the above scriptures?*

As a called and set-apart full-time missionary you will represent the Savior Jesus Christ. Yours will be the responsibility to invite all people you meet to come unto Him and find salvation and peace.



*Watch this video and write in your journal the most important points you learn:*

### **Missionary Work: A Priesthood Duty**



*Watch this video and write in your journal the most important points you learn:*

### **Whosoever Will Lose His Life for My Sake Shall Find It**



*What are your feelings about why the doctrine of Christ is so central to missionary work?*



*Record Your Feelings:*

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## Study and Discuss: My Purpose as a Missionary

- Study the following sections from *Preach My Gospel*, Chapter 1 “What is My Purpose as a Missionary?” including the scriptures referenced in each section.
  1. Your Commission to Teach the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ
  2. The Gospel Blesses Families
  3. Teaching by the Spirit
  4. The Power and Authority of Your Calling
  5. The Gospel of Jesus Christ
  6. The Message of the Restoration: The Foundation of Faith
  7. Helping Others Make Commitments: The Door to Faith and Repentance
  8. Baptism and Confirmation
  9. Establishing the Church
  10. A Successful Missionary
- Plan to discuss what you learn with your missionary preparation class, your Sunday School teacher, quorum or auxiliary leader, a family member, a class member, or a friend.
- Write down the impressions you feel and ideas you learn through these discussions about the purpose of a missionary and how to fulfill this purpose.

## Prepare to Serve

- Review the section: “Ideas for Study and Application” at the end of Chapter 1 of *Preach My Gospel*. Do some of the exercises under the subtitle: “Personal Study” so you will gain a personal witness of the principles you have learned. Write down your answers in your study journal. Plan to discuss your answers with your teacher or quorum or auxiliary leader. Add to your journal any new impressions and ideas you learn through these discussions.
- Read and do all the exercises pertaining to the principle “Communicate: Petition and Listen” in Chapter 9 of the self-reliance booklet: *My Foundation for Self-Reliance*. If you have not done so, ask your quorum or auxiliary leader about joining a self-reliance group in your ward or stake. Plan to complete the twelve-week group process as part of your missionary preparation.