



Visiting Teaching: What does it mean to minister in the Savior's way?

In the life of a Latter-day Saint woman, Relief Society should be synonymous with charity, “the pure love of Christ” (Moroni 7:47). The privilege of ministering through visiting teaching is an opportunity to become like the Savior. As visiting teachers minister in the Savior’s way, they prepare themselves and others for the blessing of eternal life.

Consider the various opportunities you have to use the outlines below, such as during stake auxiliary leadership meetings and in orienting new leaders. Select topics and resources from these outlines to help sisters understand what it means to minister in the Savior’s way. In addition to conducting this training, please take time to view and ponder the training titled “Learning and Teaching in the Home and the Church.” It includes a discussion with Elder Jeffrey R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Think about how the principles in the discussion can bless the sisters you serve.

RESOURCES

Thomas S. Monson, “Love—the Essence of the Gospel” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2014, 91–94

Henry B. Eyring, “The Enduring Legacy of Relief Society,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2009, 121–25

Handbook 2: Administering the Church (2010), 3.2.3; 4.5.1; 9.5

“‘Pure Religion’: Watchcare and Ministering through Visiting Teaching,” chapter 7 in *Daughters in My Kingdom: The History and Work of Relief Society* (2011), 103–24

3 Nephi 11:10–15; Moroni 7:47–48

VISITING TEACHING IS A PATTERN TO HELP SISTERS FOLLOW THE SAVIOR’S EXAMPLE OF MINISTERING TO OTHERS

- How has the Savior set an example of ministering to individuals?
- In what kinds of places did the Savior minister during His mortal mission?
- How can visiting teachers minister in the Savior’s way?
- How can an understanding of ministering change the way Relief Society leaders organize visiting teaching? How might this understanding change the way visiting teachers report their service?

When Joseph Smith organized the Relief Society, he said, “You are now placed in a situation where you can act according to those sympathies which God has planted in [you].” He “taught principles that helped Relief Society sisters ‘relieve the poor’ and ‘save souls’ ” (in *Daughters in My Kingdom*, 16, 17).

RESOURCES

Thomas S. Monson, “Charity Never Faileth” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2010, 122–25

Henry B. Eyring, “Daughters in the Covenant,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2014, 125–28

Henry B. Eyring, “The Caregiver,” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2012, 121–24

Bonnie L. Oscarson, “Sisterhood: Oh, How We Need Each Other,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2014, 119–21

Alma 7:11–12; 37:6–7

RESOURCES

Henry B. Eyring, “Daughters in the Covenant,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2014, 125–28

Linda K. Burton, “Wanted: Hands and Hearts to Hasten the Work,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2014, 122–24

“Unity”; topics.lds.org

Mosiah 18:8–10, 21; Moses 1:39

WHEN WE MINISTER WITH CHARITY, THE PURE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST, WE RECOGNIZE NEEDS AND RESPOND IN LOVING WAYS

- What are some small and simple ways sisters can minister?
- How can you render Christlike service to sisters of all ages?
- How can understanding the Atonement help us minister with greater charity?

Lucy Mack Smith said, “We must cherish one another, watch over one another, comfort one another and gain instruction, that we may all sit down in heaven together” (in *Daughters in My Kingdom*, 25).

WE DEMONSTRATE OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD AS WE KEEP OUR COVENANTS AND HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME

- How does visiting teaching help sisters keep covenants?
- How does ministering in the Savior’s way unify us?
- How can we help new Relief Society sisters learn how to minister through visiting teaching?
- How is visiting teaching a work of salvation?

Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve said, “Every sister in this Church who has made covenants with the Lord has a divine mandate to help save souls, to lead the women of the world, to strengthen the homes of Zion, and to build the kingdom of God” (in *Daughters in My Kingdom*, 25).

CONCLUSION

- What have you learned today?
- What are you going to do as a result of what you have learned?