

2 Cor. 13:5 - Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

Week 3

Note to Leaders: Many LDS may express that they believe they are already Christian (they will say 'Jesus is in the name of the church'). This session aims to show how every major theological belief is different and therefore, they are not the 'same'. Christians cannot claim to be LDS and LDS should not claim to be Christian. We had to choose the good news that the Bible teaches and turn away from the teachings of the LDS church. Pray for open minds and hearts this week.

BEGIN WITH WELCOME / PRAYER

WATCH SESSION 2 - (Approx. 19 minutes)

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS:

- While Christian churches and denominations differ on minor things like musical style (piano only versus full modern worship band or a full orchestra) or what they wear to church, the Christian church as a whole, lines up on major theological beliefs, while the LDS beliefs differ completely. In the video, did it help you better understand those differences and what were some that stuck out to you?

- Jesus Christ established His church on the Earth and said it would never be taken (Matt. 16:18) - can we trust later men who claimed it **was** taken from the Earth? Many things the LDS church believe and teach go directly against what the Christian church has believed and taught for over 2000 years based on the very words of Jesus. There are many instances like this when we are forced to choose between Jesus Christ or Joseph Smith. It's unfortunate. It's important that LDS verify any later doctrinal claims that contradict the original teachings in the Bible. Do you think at a point in your journey you might be able to trust who Jesus said He was, and what He did, and what He established?

- What reasons did Jesus give us to trust Him? (*give reasons to the group like healings, deliverance, feeding the 5000, raising Lazerus, ultimately His resurrection with hundreds of witnesses and the love, mercy and grace He has shown to all mankind, by inviting them to **believe Him and receive Him***).

- *Leaders this is a great time to remind them of the beauty and simplicity of the gospel (good news!) and to let them know that Jesus wants to save them and redeem them wherever they are at in life, without all the 'entrapments' and control of man-made religion. He truly wants them to be free in Christ.*

Make sure to end on time so they feel comfortable coming each week. Remind them of the next week's date/time/place and to follow up on the resource guide as well as further videos and resources provided at: journeyofgrace.com for further research.