

Proverbs 8:17 - I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.

Week 5

Note to Leaders: It can be challenging to feel love and compassion when someone attempts to diminish God's holy word and cherished Christian beliefs. Joseph Smith may have made some of the biggest claims in the history of the world by saying that the book he produced was more reliable than the Bible. Please pray for an extra measure of love and compassion as you lead the discussion this week. Read the paragraph below before you start the video and let them know that this session was in answer to the claims that Joseph Smith made about the Book of Mormon.

BEGIN WITH WELCOME / PRAYER

Please read: When Joseph Smith said, "The Book of Mormon is the most correct of any book on this Earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts than any other book", he implied that it was more trustworthy and accurate than the Holy Bible. Keep in mind, the Bible includes all 66 books of the Old and New Testaments written by prophets, apostles and ultimately the Holy Spirit. It includes the Creation of everything, God's first interaction with mankind, his covenants, the 10 commandments, plan of redemption, faith promoting miracles, words of prophets (like Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, and many more), the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the ministry of the 12 apostles, the establishment of the biblical church and end time revelations. This session was made in order to address the claims of Joseph Smith regarding the Book of Mormon.

WATCH SESSION 4 - (Approx. 30 minutes)

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS:

- Was there anything in this video that was new information to you or that left you with questions?
- After hearing some of these issues, does Joseph Smith's quote seem realistic? Why?
- Pastor Matt asked, "Why would God allow me to hear the truth of the gospel? Why would a Holy God send his son to die in the place of undeserving sinners like me?" What does that mean to you?

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.