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Ideas for Personal Study



Listen to the Spirit

As you study, pay attention to your thoughts and feelings from the Spirit, even if they have nothing to do with what you're studying. Those impressions may be the very thing God wants you to know at this time.

Ask questions and look for answers

Uncover meaning in a general conference talk by asking questions that help you think more deeply about what it teaches. These questions could include who the speaker is addressing, what principles and doctrines the speaker intends to teach, or how the teaching could be applied to your personal life.

Record your impressions

There are many ways to record your impressions. For example, you could keep a journal of your insights, or when something in the talk impresses you, you could mark it and write thoughts in the margins. [Online study tools](#) and the Gospel Library app can help you do this digitally.

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As you study, look for similarities between what you are studying and your own experiences. How can you apply the teachings to your life?

Look up references

Look up the scriptures and prophetic quotes referenced throughout the talk and in the endnotes. These references can deepen your understanding of the speaker's intended message.

Look for

There are a lot of things you can look for as you study general conference talks. As you study, consider looking for the following:

Look for Jesus Christ

We learn in the scriptures that all things testify of Christ (see [Moses 6:63](#)). In general conference talks you will find teachings about His life, His teachings, His Atonement, and the impact He made in the lives of those who follow Him.

Look for inspiring words and phrases

As you read, you will find certain words that inspire you, feel important to you, or motivate you. They seem to be written for you. Consider marking or writing your thoughts about these phrases.

Look for principles and doctrine

Sometimes principles and doctrine are stated directly, and sometimes they are illustrated by a story or example that is shared. Ask yourself, "What principles or doctrine were taught in this talk?"

Look for lists

As you study a conference talk, sometimes the author will provide a numbered or bulleted list of ideas, applications, or truths. Sometimes you may feel impressed to create your own list of important concepts.

Look for invitations and blessings

The purpose of all that we learn and teach is that we might better live the gospel of Jesus Christ. As you study, look for invitations to act and for promised blessings. Some of these may be stated, and others may be implied through stories and examples.

Ideas for Family Study



Ask questions

Invite family members to ask a gospel question to initiate discussion, and spend time looking for teachings that answer the question.

Learn quotes

Select a quote you find meaningful and post it somewhere in the house where family members will see it. Invite other family members to take turns selecting something to post. Family members may also choose to memorize the quote.

Study topics and speakers

As a family, choose a topic or speaker to study together. Individual family members can then find different talks or quotes on that topic or by that speaker and share what they learned. New [All Talks by Topics](#) and [All Talks by Speakers](#) indexes on LDS.org can help.

Apply teachings

After studying a talk, ask family members to share different ways the teachings apply to their lives.

Summarize learnings

As you study portions of a talk, invite family members to summarize in their own words what they learned.

Share teachings

Give family members time to share teachings they have found from their personal study of a general conference talk that are particularly meaningful to them.

Conference Music

Additional Resources

About General Conference

General conferences are the semiannual worldwide gatherings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Church members gather to receive guidance and encouragement from Church leaders about gospel living based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.