

Missionary - Who Do We Teach

As members or missionaries, the second great commandment is

“To love our neighbors as ourselves.”

Many times we think of our neighbors as those we know personally, however the church teaches,

There are two ways we can love our neighbors

1 – Physical – Helping with food, clothing, and many other ways. Since every person on earth is our brother or sister. This is a good time to think, **“Do unto others, as we would have them do unto you!”**

This might come under the first commandment: **“To Love the Lord, with all your heart mind and strength!”** If you are doing this, you are following his teachings and helping with those things, already.

2 – Spiritual – If we were non-members, what would be the greatest spiritual gift my neighbor could give me? Yes, it would be the spiritual gift of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This understanding, who we teach, will give us an advantage, on how to teach.

There are only 3 kinds of people we teach. To know which the people are, will help us to help them spiritually. If we do not know - to teach them all three ways could help.

The 3 kinds of people are:

Visual Learners

*As a visual learner, you prefer using pictures and images to gain understanding of new ideas and information.

*You often recognize words by sight, use lists to organize your thoughts and recall information by remembering how it was set out on a page.

*You think in images or pictures. You process what you hear or read and translate that information into meaningful images for future recall.

*Be sure to **show pictures** of what you discussed.

Auditory Learners

*As an auditory learner, you prefer using sound and music to acquire information.

*You learn best by hearing and listening and filter incoming information through your listening and repeating skills and by being allowed to discuss the topic and ask questions.

*You like the teacher to provide verbal instructions and you like dialogues, discussions, and plays.

*You solve problems by talking about them.

*To assist with recall, auditory learners often use rhythm and sound as memory aids.

* Be sure to ask questions so they can process and repeat what you have told them. You might ask, **“Could you summarize what we have just taught you?”**

Tactile/Kinesthetic Learners

*As a tactile/kinesthetic learner, you prefer using your body, hands, and sense of touch to learn new information.

*You learn best when you are actively involved in the learning process such as with hands-on activities like projects and demonstrations.

*Writing, drawing, and movement are often useful as memory aids.

* Have them **read the scriptures**. Do not read them yourself!

Here are some suggestions for teaching non-members, for missionaries and members. Come up with your own. To have fun and laugh, helps.

How about a **play** - assign people to play parts and review what was taught.

What if you cooked **dinner** and brought it over to them, or invited them to your home. or a member's home. Play games, do not talk about church teachings.

Show a church **video** of what was discussed.

Invite them to all church activities.

Hint: Find out **what they like to do**, Hunting, Fishing, Quilting, Sewing, Skiing, Basket weaving, etc. Find out who in the ward does those things and take them over for a visit. It does not have to be teaching each visit, but planting seeds, even a small one may take root.

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