

Discussion Questions



CONNECT TO EACH OTHER

Describe your family's background (country of origin / language / trade / religion).

How did their background influence future generations in your family?

What makes them special / unique? How have you seen that unique gift bless the world?

CONNECT TO GOD

In our teaching we learned that the Jewish Tribe of Issachar understood how to “read the signs of the times” and apply that to the everyday lives of regular people. Jesus knew how important this was for his Church when he applied this same ideal (Read Matthew 16:1-4).

How do you think the Church does a poor job of reading the signs of our culture?

What are ways the Church has been successful at understanding our culture today?

Why do you think King David, King Solomon, and our savior Jesus all chose to ride donkeys over a war-horse? What does that tell us about God's plan for the world?

APPLY THE TEACHING

In the teaching we focused on this quote from American abolitionist and social activist Harriet Tubman (1822-1913): “I have freed a thousand slaves, but I could have freed a thousand more if they knew they were slaves.” Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 slaves, including family and friends, using a network of safe houses known as the Underground Railroad.

How do you think she would have described the changes in culture from her birth to her death?

React to Tubman's quote. How have you seen this play out in people's lives?

If protestant reformer Martin Luther (1483-1546) was alive today, what advice do you think he'd give the Church?

