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Visuals With Points To Ponder
To Help You Find Jesus' Principles

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A LISTENING, PONDERING, AND VIEWING

LESSON

This class provides audio scripture passages, requests to ponder, reflective questions, and beautiful images to inspire. This approach can help create an environment where the Spirit can do the teaching, as you Seek Jesus.

3 NEPHI

Chapters 6 - 9

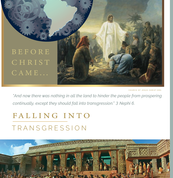
BEGIN BY CLICKING ON THE LINKS BELOW TO:

LISTEN TO THESE CHAPTERS:

CHAPTER 6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmRRRKVeNc
CHAPTER 7 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmVHNzFwBc
CHAPTER 8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqPMAAAnLE

(We know that most of our lives are busy and stressful, but we hope that you can find a quiet place and time, to leave your cares behind and feel the Spirit as you SEEK JESUS in this class. Set aside about an hour for this class.)

LET'S ROLL BACK TIME
AND PONDER KEY VERSES FROM THESE CHAPTERS.



"And now there was nothing in all the land to hinder the people from prospering continually, except they should fall into transgression." 2 Nephi 8

FALLING INTO TRANSGRESSION

"Now they did not sin ignorantly, for they knew the will of God concerning them." 3 Nephi 6

REFLECTIVE QUESTION:
WHAT WERE THE PEOPLE DOING WHICH BROUGHT ON THEIR FALL?

THE FALL OF THE NEPHITES

PRIDE VANITY POWER BOASTING

SELF-CHECK:
LOOK AT THE BOLDED WORDS IN THE SCRIPTURES BELOW. DO THESE PRINCIPLES OF DARKNESS/BLINDNESS ENTER INTO YOUR HEART AND MIND?

PONDER THESE SPECIFIC VERSES:

*(6 But it were not in the twenty and sixth year that there began to be some **disputings** among the people, and some were **lifted up unto pride**, and boastings because of their **exceedingly great riches**, yea, even unto great **persecutions;**.*

7) For there were many merchants in the land, and also many lawyers, and many officers.

*10 And the people began to be **distinguished by ranks**, according to their riches and their chances for learning; yea, some were ignorant because of their poverty, and others did receive great learning because of their riches.*

*13 Some were **lifted up in pride**, and others were exceedingly humble; some did return **railing for railing**, while others would receive **railing and persecution** and all manner of **afflictions**, and would not turn and revile again. Yea, were humble and penitent before God.*

14 And thus there became a great inequality in all the land, insomuch that the church began to be broken up; yea, insomuch that in the twenty and sixth year the church was broken up in all the land, save it were among a few of the Lamanites who were converted unto the true faith; and they would not depart from it. For they were firm, and steadfast, and immovable, willing with all diligence to keep the commandments of the Lord.

*15 Now the cause of this iniquity of the people was this—Satan had great power unto the **stirring up of the people to do all manner of iniquity**; and to the **puffing them up with pride**, tempting them to **seek for power**, and authority, and riches, **and the vain things of the world**.*

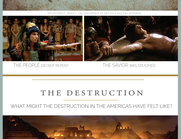
16 And thus Satan did rock away the hearts of the people to do all manner of iniquity; therefore they had enjoyed peace but a few years.

*17 And thus, in the commencement of the thirtieth year—the people having been delivered up for the space of a long time to be carried about by the temptations of the devil whithersoever he desired to carry them, and to do whatsoever iniquity he desired they should—and thus in the commencement of this, the thirtieth year, **they were in a state of careful wickedness**.*

18 Now they did not sin ignorantly, for they knew the will of God concerning them, for it had been taught unto them; therefore they did willfully rebel against God.

THE PEOPLE (3) Ne 8:1 THE SAVIOR (3) Ne 9:1-2

THE DESTRUCTION
WHAT MIGHT THE DESTRUCTION IN THE AMERICAS HAVE FELT LIKE?



PONDER THESE SPECIFIC VERSES:

*3 And it came to pass in the thirty and fourth year, in the first month, on the fourth day of the month, **there arose a great storm**, such as one as never had been known in all the land.*

*5 And there was also a **great and terrible tempest**; and there was **terrible thunder**, insomuch that it did shake the whole earth as if it were about to divide asunder.*

*7 And there were **exceedingly sharp lightnings**, such as never had been known in all the land.*

*8 And the city of Zarahemla **did take fire**.*

*9 And the city of Moroni **did sink into the depths of the sea, and the inhabitants thereof were drowned**.*

*10 And the **earth was carried up upon the city of Moronihah**, that is the place of the city there became a great mountain.*

*11 And there was **a great and terrible destruction in the land**; southward.*

*12 But behold, there was **a more great and terrible destruction** in the land northward; for behold, the whole face of the land was changed, because of the **tempest and the whirlwinds, and the thunderings and the lightnings, and the exceedingly great quaking of the whole earth**:*

*13 And the **highways were broken up**, and the level roads were spoiled, and many smooth places became rough.*

*14 And **many great and notable cities were sunk, and many were burned, and many were shaken till the buildings thereof had fallen to the earth, and the inhabitants thereof were slain, and the places were left desolate**.*

*15 And there were some cities which remained; but **the damage thereof was exceedingly great**, and there were many in them who were slain.*

*16 And there were some **who were carried away in the whirlwind**, and whither they went no man knoweth, save they know that they were carried away.*

*17 And there were **the face of the whole earth became deformed**, because of the tempests, and the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the quaking of the earth.*

*18 And behold, **the rocks were rent in twain; they were broken up upon the face of the earth**; insomuch that they were found in broken fragments, and in seams and in cracks, upon all the face of the land.*

*19 And it came to pass that when the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the storm, and the tempest, and the quaking of the earth did cease—**for behold they did last for about the space of three hours**, and it was said by some that the time was even more; nevertheless, all these great and terrible things were done in about the space of three hours—and then behold, there was darkness upon the face of the land.*

...behold, there was darkness upon the face of the land.

...the inhabitants thereof who had not fallen could feel the vapor of darkness.

20 And it came to pass that there was thick darkness upon all the face of the land, insomuch that the inhabitants thereof who had not fallen could feel the vapor of darkness;

*21 There **could be no light**, because of the darkness, neither candles, neither torches; neither could there be the kindled with their fire and exceedingly dry wood, so that there could not be any light at all;*

22 And there was not any light seen, neither fire, nor glimmer, neither the sun, nor the moon, nor the stars, for so great were the mists of darkness which were upon the face of the land.

23 And it came to pass that it did last for the space of three days that there was no light; and there was great mourning and howling and weeping among all the people continually; yea, great were the groanings of the people; because of the darkness and the great destruction which had come upon them.

Three days of destruction ...
Three days of darkness

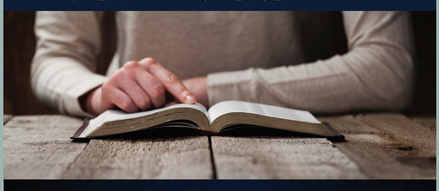
HOW WOULD YOU HAVE FELT IF YOU HAD BEEN THERE AND EXPERIENCED THE DESTRUCTION AND DARKNESS?

TAKE A MOMENT
PONDER & LIKEN THE SCRIPTURES

Write down HOW you would have felt if you had been there and experienced the destruction and darkness.

TURN TO 3 NEPHI 9:2

HIGHLIGHT THIS VERSE. . .



2 Wo, wo, wo unto this people; wo unto the inhabitants of the whole earth except they shall repent; for the devil laugheth, and his angels rejoice, because of the slain of the fair sons and daughters of my people; and it is because of their iniquity and abominations that they are fallen!

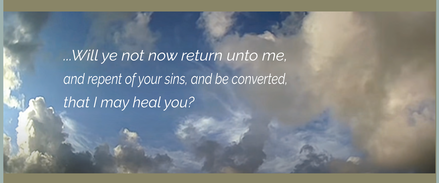
From this scripture we know HOW THE ADVERSARY REACTS to OUR SINS AND MISTAKES.

We can assume then, HOW MUCH HE HATES IT when we CHANGE and REPENT OF OUR SINS.

After the destruction, the Nephites heard the voice of the Savior.

READ: 3 NEPHI 9:12-22

PONDER . . . What the Savior said to the Nephites:



...Will ye not now return unto me, and repent of your sins, and be converted, that I may heal you?

12 And many great destructions have I caused to come upon this land, and upon this people, because of their wickedness and their abominations.

13 O all ye that are spared because ye were more righteous than they, will ye not now return unto me, and repent of your sins, and be converted, that I may heal you?

14 Yea, verily I say unto you, if ye will come unto me ye shall have eternal life. Behold, mine arm of mercy is extended towards you, and whosoever will come, him will I receive; and blessed are those who come unto me.

15 Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

16 I came unto my own, and my own received me not. And the scriptures concerning my coming are fulfilled.

17 And as many as have received me, to them have I given to become the sons of God; and even so will I to as many as shall believe on my name, for behold, by me redemption cometh, and in me is the law of Moses fulfilled.

18 I am the light and the life of the world. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

19 And ye shall offer up unto me no more the shedding of blood; yea, your sacrifice and your burnt offerings shall be done away, for I will accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt offerings.

20 And ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit. And who so cometh unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, him will I baptize with fire and with the Holy Ghost, even as the Lamanites, because of their faith in me at the time time of their conversion, were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and they knew it not.

21 Behold, I have come unto the world to bring redemption unto the world, to save the world from sin.

22 Therefore, whoso repenteth and cometh unto me as a little child, him will I receive; for of such is the kingdom of God. Behold, for such I have laid down my life and have taken it up again; therefore repent, and come unto me ye ends of the earth, and be saved.

PONDER... What it would have been like for the people to see their Savior?

NOTICE... Your feelings as you look at these photos of Jesus coming to the Nephites.

THE TESTAMENTS OF ONE FOLD AND ONE SHEPHERD

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READ: 3 NEPHI 11:1 - 7

JESUS APPEARS TO THE NEPHITES, TO TEACH HIM, AND HIS PEOPLE, HOW TO RECEIVE HIMSELF TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW GOD COMMUNICATES.

THREE REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

1. What do these verses tell us about THE WAY God communicates with us?

2. What do you think caused THE DIFFERENCE on the third time so the people could understand the voice? look Carefully in verse 5)

open your ears

3. Is God hoping we will OPEN OUR EARS and look towards Him?

CONSIDER

THE FIRST WORDS THAT CHRIST SPOKE TO THE NEPHITES AFTER HE APPEARED TO THEM

(a) Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

CHRIST'S EMPHASIS ON PROPHETS

After Christ introduces himself, the first thing that he did was to vindicate the words of the prophets (3 Nephi 11:10). He also sought out the current prophet Nephi (see 3 Nephi 11:18).

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT HOW CHRIST FEELS ABOUT PROPHETS?

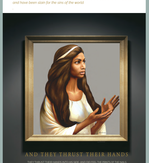
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR YOU AND ME?

(c) And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

(d) And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, the whole multitude fell to the earth, for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven.

(e) And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them saying:

(f) Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.



(g) And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and in his feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth; and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did bear of it surely and did bear record that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets that should come.

(h) And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying:

(i) Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God; and they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him.

MARK IN YOUR SCRIPTURES

"ONE BY ONE"

3 NEPHI 11:15

WRITE A CROSS REFERENCE TO 3 NEPHI 17:25

This verse says there were 2,500 people there - but CHRIST MADE TIME FOR EACH ONE

HE LOVED THEM PERSONALLY

HOW DOES THE PRINCIPLE OF "ONE BY ONE" WORK TODAY?

Think of the Sacrament, Baptism and Temple work

LOOK UP THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES:

3 Nephi 17:23
3 Nephi 18:36
3 Nephi 28:1

What are these verses teaching you?

REFLECTIVE QUESTION

Even though we live in a world of "mass communication" when have you felt a one-by-one connection with the Lord?

PAUSE TO LISTEN. . .

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGUqVpf94

ONE BY ONE by Mary Steele

TAKE A MOMENT

TO WRITE AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION:

"When have you felt a one-by-one connection with the Savior?"

MARK IN YOUR SCRIPTURES

"fell to the earth"

3 NEPHI 11
verses 12, 17, 19

*12 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude **fell to the earth**, for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven.*

*(i) Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! And they did **fall down at the feet of Jesus**, and did worship him.*

*19 Nephi arose and went forth, and bowed himself before the Lord **and did kiss his feet**.*

TURN TO
3 NEPHI 17
verse 10

*10 And they did all, both they who had been healed and they who were whole, **bow down at his feet, and did worship him**; and so many as could come for the multitude did kiss his feet, insomuch that they did bathe his feet with their tears.*

REFLECTIVE QUESTION

OF THE FOUR GROUPS IN LEHI'S VISION OF THE TREE OF LIFE, ONLY ONE GROUP STAYED AT THE TREE.

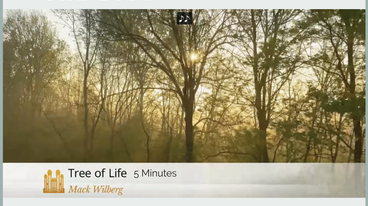
WHAT WAS UNIQUE ABOUT THIS GROUP?

OH TREE OF LIFE

SEARCH 1 NEPHI 8:30

30 But, to be short in writing, behold, he saw other multitudes pressing forward; and they came and caught hold of the end of the rod of iron; and they did press their way forward, continually holding fast to the rod of iron, until they came forth and FELL DOWN and partook of the fruit of the tree.

THE STAYING POWER OF WORSHIPPING
THE LORD



Tree of Life 5 Minutes
Mack Wilberg

TAKE 5 MINUTES NOW TO WORSHIP THE LORD
WATCH "OH TREE OF LIFE"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWnKXxIDN_c

IT'S HARD TO FALL AWAY
from Jesus
WHEN YOU'RE FALLING
at his feet.

REFLECTIVE QUESTION:

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAGNIFY YOUR WORSHIP FOR JESUS CHRIST?

This class has highlighted the individual LOVE Jesus showed for the Nephites and Lehites. He has this same love, an everlasting love, for each of us.

THE FRUIT OF HIS TREE IS HIS LOVE

In Jeremiah 31:3 the Lord says,
"I have loved thee with an everlasting love."

In Exodus 33:12 he wants us to know he is a personal God...
"I know thee by name."

In Hebrews 13:5 he says,
"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

The Fruit of the Tree is His Love.

JESUS CHRIST SEEKS AFTER INDIVIDUALS. HE KNOWS US ONE BY ONE.

TO BETTER KNOW HIM, CONTINUE TO **SEEK JESUS** DAILY SO YOU CAN **PARTAKE OF HIS LOVE.**

SEEK JESUS
DAILY

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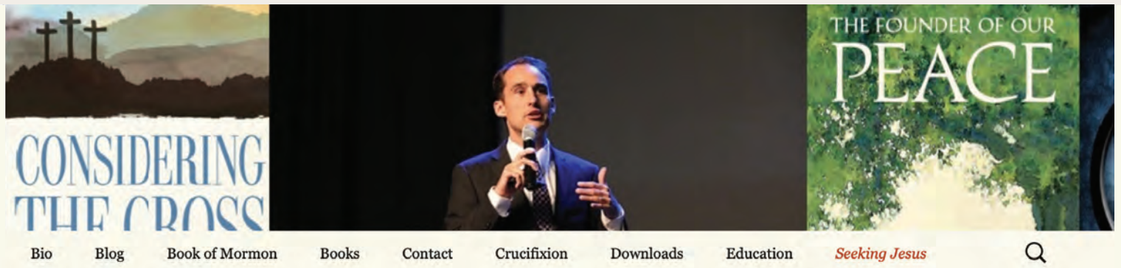

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