

# Preparing for General Conference

When Jesus Christ visited the Nephites, He invited them to prepare their minds to hear and understand His message (see 3 Nephi 17:3). Imagine what your general conference experience could be like if you did the same.

1. Study the following resources, looking for ways you can prepare yourself to receive the Lord's messages in general conference. You may want to mark meaningful words and phrases that stand out to you.

Mosiah 2:9; Doctrine and Covenants 88:63

President Russell M. Nelson taught:



From this pulpit today and tomorrow, you will continue to hear truth. Please make notes of thoughts that catch your attention and those that come into your mind and stay in your heart. Prayerfully ask the Lord to confirm that what you have heard is true. (Russell M. Nelson, "What Is True?," *Liahona*, Nov. 2022, 30)

President Henry B. Eyring of the First Presidency taught:



I know the servants of God who will speak to you during this conference. They are called of God to give messages to His children. The Lord has said of them: "What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same" [Doctrine and Covenants 1:38].

You show your trust in Him when you listen with the intent to learn and repent and then you go and do whatever He asks. If you trust God enough to listen for His message in every sermon, song, and prayer in this conference, you will find it. And if you then go and do what He would have you do, your power to trust Him will grow, and in time you will be overwhelmed with gratitude to find that He has come to trust you. (Henry B. Eyring, "Trust in God, Then Go and Do," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2010, 73)

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, then of the First Presidency, taught:



As you prepare for general conference, I invite you to ponder questions you need to have answered. For example, you might yearn for direction and guidance by the Lord regarding challenges you are facing.

Answers to your specific prayers may come directly from a particular talk or from a specific phrase. At other times answers may come in a seemingly unrelated word, phrase, or song. A heart filled with gratitude for the blessings of life and an earnest desire to hear and follow the words of counsel will prepare the way for personal revelation. (Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "General Conference—No Ordinary Blessing," *Ensign*, Sept. 2011, 4)

2. From what you studied, make a list of ways you can prepare to hear the voice of the Lord in general conference.
3. List some other ways you could prepare to hear the voice of the Lord in general conference.