Planting and Nourishing the Word of God in Our Hearts

Planting the seed

Read Alma 32:21–23, 26–30, and mark words and phrases that help you understand how to begin growing a testimony.

Share with your group the words and phrases that stood out to you and why. Then discuss the following questions:

- What do you think it means to "give place" in your heart for the Savior and His teachings?
- What can make it difficult for people to do this?
- According to verses 28–30, what can happen when we make room in our hearts for Jesus Christ and His teachings?

Write a one-sentence summary of what you learned from these verses about helping your testimony in its beginning stages.

Nourishing the seed

Alma taught that planting the seed and discovering that it is good is only the first part of growing a testimony. Read Alma 32:37–43, looking for teachings that help you understand how to help a testimony continue to grow.

Share with your group the words and phrases that stood out to you and why. Then discuss the following questions:

- What did you learn from verses 38–40 about what happens if we neglect the word of God that has been growing in our hearts?
- What are some examples of how someone could neglect his or her testimony of Jesus Christ and His teachings?
- What are some ways you can nourish your testimony of Jesus Christ and His gospel to help it grow stronger?

Write a one-sentence summary of what you learned from these verses about strengthening a testimony that is already growing inside of you.

