

Small-Group Discussion

1. Quickly skim the 4 quotes by Elder Stevenson below.
2. Together with your group, decide which quote to read first.
3. Take a look at the questions for the quote and answer the ones that prompt thoughts and responses.
4. Not all questions or quotes need to be discussed and no particular order is necessary.
5. Take turns selecting/choosing, speaking and discussing.

Quote A - “Let me offer four guiding principles that may be of assistance to you in inviting and recognizing the promptings of the Spirit.

“Our temples and homes are the most sacred of these dedicated spaces. In them we more easily invite and recognize the Spirit. Other holy places include meetinghouses, seminary buildings and institutes, and Church history sites and visitors’ centers. Stand in holy places.”

Question for A: What happens to us when we stand in an “unholy” place? What helps you turn your home into a holy place? Why is it important to make our home a “bastion” from the world?

bastion: someplace or something that gives protection against attack. (like a fortress)

Quote B - “The Spirit cannot be restrained from attending a gathering of holy people. If you hope to feel the Spirit, be with people with whom the Spirit can easily dwell. The Savior said it this way: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Choose to be with people and go to places where righteousness

is found. Find your strength in numbers. Find good friends. Be good friends. Support one another wherever you are. Stand with holy people.”

Question for B: Why would Elder Stevenson encourage groups? Could you increase the time and effort to be with good friends and be a good friend to others?

Quote C - “Third, testify of holy truths as often as you can. The Comforter always shares His voice when we testify with our voice. The Spirit bears witness to the speaker and listener alike. As you seek and take opportunities to share your testimony with others, you will create moments to recognize the Spirit for yourself.”

Question for C - Outside of a testimony meeting, what informal ways can we bear and testify of the gospel and of Jesus Christ? What is your favorite way to share gospel truths?

Quote D - “The final principle is to listen to the Holy Spirit. He can be our constant companion, but He speaks in subtle, quiet tones. The noise, clamor, and contention prevalent in the world may overpower still, quiet impressions of the Holy Spirit. Find a quiet place, a holy space where you can seek to receive direction from the Spirit.”

Question for D - Could anyone share a time they strongly felt the Spirit? What did it feel like, and what inspiration did you receive? What kinds of things can crowd the Spirit out?