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Describe below an important truth related to the gathering that is taught in these minor sections of the Doctrine & Covenants. Be sure to reference and explain each idea and describe how it is related to the gathering.

Section 30 – Gathering Truth

Section 30 talks about how it’s important to not fear man than God when he calls you to do something. David Whitmer was chastised for worrying about going to preach the gospel, but Joseph Smith got a revelation that told him to pray and not worry about anything besides doing his calling. It’s important to make sure that we do our duty without fear.

Section 31 – Gathering Truth

In section 31, it says: ”Be [patient](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/31?lang=eng#note9a) in [afflictions](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/31?lang=eng#note9b), [revile](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/31?lang=eng#note9c) not against those that revile.” This is a good reminder that hard things will happen when spreading the gospel, but it’s important to be patient with the hardships. Being able to have patience can help to make sure that we have the spirit with us as we deal with hardships as well.

Section 32 – Gathering Truth

It says in section 32 “And they shall give [heed](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/32?lang=eng#note4a) to that which is written, and pretend to no other [revelation](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/32?lang=eng#note4b).” It’s a good reminder to make sure that when preaching the gospel, it’s important to stick with just the doctrine. That way we avoid teaching anything untrue, or that’s just speculation. Doing so can make sure that new converts know exactly what we believe.

Section 33 – Gathering Truth

In section 33 it says “And even so will I [gather](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/33?lang=eng#note6a) mine elect from the [four](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/33?lang=eng#note6b) quarters of the earth, even as many as will believe in me, and hearken unto my voice.” This shows that everyone should be able to hear the gospel and be gathered in. Everyone who is willing to hear the gospel and be baptized is part of the gathering, no matter where they’re from.

Section 34 – Gathering Truth

It says in section 34 “And more blessed are you because you are [called](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/34?lang=eng#note5a) of me to preach my gospel” This is a good reminder that the calling to preach the gospel is a blessing as well as a call to work. Sharing the gospel is a good way for god to bless us as well.

Section 35 – Gathering Truth

In section 35 it says “But [without faith](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/35?lang=eng#note11a) shall not anything be shown forth.” This illustrates that it’s important to make sure that not only the people being taught the gospel, but as well as the ones teaching, to have strong faith. Without having faith, it’s really hard to convince others why they should have faith in god.

Section 36 – Gathering Truth

Section 36 says “that every man which will [embrace](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/36?lang=eng#note7a) it with [singleness](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/36?lang=eng#note7b) of heart may be ordained and sent forth.” It’s the duty of all the elders of the church to reach the gospel with a single heart and mind. It probably doesn’t mean that everyone should go on a mission, but it is everyone’s duty to preach the gospel when they have the chance.

Section 37 – Gathering Truth

Section 37 says mostly that it’s important for the church to gather together in Ohio. It was probably important for the church to gather in location back in the day, but now that it’s so large, I would assume it’s important to gather in spirit rather than in person.

Section 38 – Gathering Truth

Section 38 talks a lot about sharing wealth with others who need it. It says “And if ye seek the [riches](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/38?lang=eng#note39a) which it is the will of the Father to give unto you, ye shall be the richest of all people.” It’s a good reminder to make sure that we focus on spiritual riches instead of physical, and if we do the lord will bless us with more.

Section 39 – Gathering Truth

Section 39 says that “he that receiveth these things receiveth me; and they shall be [gathered](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/39?lang=eng#note22a) unto me in time and in eternity.” Those who are receptive to the gospel are part of the gathering and receive the lord as well as the doctrine of the church.

Section 40 – Gathering Truth

Section 40 talks about someone who initially received the gospel, and then was scared off the truth by the devil and fell away form the church. It’s a good reminder that even after we’ve been gathered, it’s important that we still are avoiding temptation and not listening to the devil.

Questions (2)

1: Was the church sending missionaries to places like England at this time or just the US?

2: Why are there so many sections of the D+C related to calling specific people to spread the gospel?