***Study Guide 7***

***Unit 4 Day 2 Restoration of the Church of Christ***

**D&C 18:1-5; 20:1-16; 21; 22**

**Article 4.2, 4.3**

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Instructions: The purpose of the study guide is to direct your course of study of the Foundations of the Restoration, and assist you to focus on important salient points of your reading and study. The study guides are due on Learning Suite each class period by **8:59 am**. Your upload should only include the questions with your answers highlighted in yellow.

**Church History:**

**People (Go to JosephSmithPapers.org and search under Reference and People):**

**Places (Look at the Maps in your Scriptures):**

**D&C 18:1-5**

1. What is Oliver Cowdery told to rely on in these verses? What can each of us learn from this example about the various difficulties we will each face in this life?
   1. He is told to rely upon the things that he has written, being the Book of Mormon.
   2. When times get tough we can always turn to the scriptures for help. The words of Christ are a sure foundation that will always hold us up

**D&C 20:1-16**

1. What title did the early Saints give to this revelation **(See section heading)**?
   1. The Articles and Covenants
2. What was the name of the Church at it’s organization, and what date was the church organized **(See vs 1)**?
   1. The Church of Christ
3. What does the Book of Mormon **prove to the world**?
   1. It proves to the world that the holy scriptures are true, and that God does inspire men and call them to his holy work in this age and generation, as well as in generations of old

**D&C 21**

1. **Where** and **when** was the church organized?
   1. Fayette, New York, in the home of Peter Whitmer Sr.
   2. April 6, 1830
2. List at least one ordinance that took place for the first time in this dispensation (with proper authority) at the organization of the Church?
   1. The sacrament was administered
3. Respond to at least one of the following questions in 3-4 sentences:

**How do you personally value your membership in the Church?**

**How important is your membership to you?**

* My membership is very important to me for many reasons. Although having faith in Christ’s atonement is more important than membership in an organization, I believe that this is Christ’s organized church and it is the best place for me to be to build my faith in him. I also value my membership in this church because of the community. It’s a place where I know I can rely on others for help when needed.

**What sacrifices have you gone through to maintain your membership?**

**D&C 22**

1. What is meant by the term "dead works" as used in verses 2–3? **(Hint: NOT Temple work for the dead)**
   1. Being baptized by someone without authority is a “dead work” because although work is done it is not validated by God.

**4.2 Why The Church - D. Todd Christofferson**

1. Name at least two major reasons given by Elder Christofferson of why we need a formal Church organization on the Earth?
   1. To administer the ordinances of salvation
   2. To preach the good news of the gospel of Christ
2. What does Elder Christofferson declare is one of the greatest blessings of being part of the body of Christ? What does this mean to you/does this make sense?
   1. Being reproved of sin and error
   2. Yes this makes sense. Its easy to live in sin and justify it when no one is telling you not to do it. The church fosters accountability.

**4.3 “Where Will You Go” Clip**

1. In relation to everything read in the lesson thus far, what are your thoughts after watching this video?
   1. I appreciate Elder Ballard’s perspective. Although being a part of the church isn’t always easy, it you make a pro/con list of being a member, I believe all the pros will far outweigh the cons.
2. What does Elder Ballard mean when he says, “Remember the Restoration is not an event, but continues to unfold?” Think of the content leading up to this statement – why does this understanding give you solace?
   1. This understanding gives solace because it helps me realize that if there are questions I have now that I can’t find answers to yet, I can have confidence that the Lord will eventually reveal the answer.