

Zuko Explains — Mormonism (Facilitator Notes)

These notes help facilitators guide respectful, Scripture-based discussions about Mormonism.

1. Purpose

- Show differences between LDS teaching and the Bible.
- Maintain respect while focusing on truth.

2. Key Differences

- God: Eternal Creator vs exalted man.
- Jesus: Eternal God vs spirit-brother.
- Gospel: Grace alone vs grace + works + temple.
- Scripture: Bible alone vs 3 extra books.
- Salvation: Free gift vs multi-level exaltation.

3. Joseph Smith Overview

- Born 1805; revival culture.
- Claimed visitation from God and Jesus.
- Angel Moroni guided him to golden plates.
- Translated using seer stones.
- Produced the Book of Mormon.

4. Extra Scriptures

- LDS uses Book of Mormon, Doctrine & Covenants, Pearl of Great Price.
- Bible warns against adding to Scripture.
- Key Scriptures: Galatians 1:8–9; Revelation 22:18–19.

5. Responding Well

- Ask gentle questions.
- Keep conversations focused on Christ.
- Use Scripture rather than arguing feelings.