

LESSON 41 *by Dennis Roberts*
Every Member a Missionary

(Objective: inspire members to spread gospel and help new members)

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- c. D&C 109:72-74 The church will fill the whole earth in the church growing all (see more stuff @ growth)
- d. Supplement #1 Joseph Smith ----- In what way is the Church Joseph Smith of obscurity?

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- a. OH pgs 116-17 President McKay's missionary efforts ----- Work as Disciples of Christ, President McKay's missionary efforts
- b. OH pg 125 President Kimball's vision of missionary work ----- "lengthen the days of the church" President Kimball's vision of missionary work
- c. Supplement #2 President Hinckley's missionary teaching ----- The key Supplement #2 of President Hinckley's missionary teaching

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- a. D&C 88:81 What is our responsibility to share the gospel? ----- What are we to do? What is our responsibility to share the gospel?
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