



Zion's Camp— Preparing to Serve the Lord

After the group of Church members known as Zion's Camp had marched hundreds of miles to help their fellow Latter-day Saints, the Lord told Joseph Smith to disband the group, even though they thought they hadn't fulfilled their goal. Because of this, some called Zion's Camp a failure, but those who participated testified that their experiences prepared them for future service to the Lord.

During the long march, some of the camp members complained and spoke against the Prophet Joseph, but others were faithful to him and learned patience and obedience.

DISCUSSION

What do you think it means to redeem Zion? (see Doctrine and Covenants 103:15).

FEBRUARY 1834:

Joseph Smith received a revelation to find at least 100 people to march to Missouri and help the Saints regain their land in Jackson County.

They marched between **20–40** miles (32 to 64 km) a day.

PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

KIRTLAND, OHIO

8 of the first 12 latter-day Apostles served in this camp.

About **205** men and **25** women and children participated.

Most traveled over **900** miles (1,450 km) through **4** states.

13 Saints died from an outbreak of cholera in the camp.

The **2** groups that took different routes met up in June.

QUINCY

SALT RIVER SETTLEMENT

LIBERTY, MISSOURI

ALL

of the first latter-day Seventies were members of the camp.

JUNE 1834:

The Prophet Joseph received a revelation accepting the camp members' offering, and they disbanded.