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Goals for Presenters

- *Let's learn together:* Our study material is Sensei's lecture, so it's best to take the approach of studying it and learning from it together with the members, rather than lecture on it ourselves. Presenters should aim to deeply internalize something important from reading the material and share what inspired them—two or three key points supported by the Goshō passages and Sensei's commentary, rather than attempting to cover every point.
- *Let's align our hearts with the heart of our mentor:* Sensei's intent is to encourage and empower many members through this material. This is the same spirit Nichiren Daishōnin conveyed through his writings. Let's be determined to ensure this spirit and intent is communicated as we study with our fellow members—how to apply these teachings to transform our lives, to win in the realities of society, and to inspire others to do the same as we strive for kosen-rufu.

Tips

- ⇒ Read the full lecture several times including the footnotes (LB, p. 67) as they often provide important additional background information. Also encourage the participants to read the lecture and to find their own points of inspiration.
- ⇒ Chant abundant daimoku before your presentation to grasp and convey Sensei's heart and spirit.
- ⇒ When presenting the material, have someone read out loud the Goshō excerpts found in bold print in the lectures and whatever selected passages you've chosen from the lecture. Be sure the reader has the opportunity to prepare well ahead of time.

Additional Resources

 **Nichiren Daishōnin's submission of “On Establishing the Correct Teaching for the Peace of the Land”:** *The New Human Revolution*, vol. 4, “Establishing the Correct Teaching” chapter, pp. 235–49

 **Shakyamuni made up his mind after hesitation:** *The New Human Revolution*, vol. 3, “The Buddha” chapter, pp. 16–63

 **The Daishōnin's establishment of his teaching:** *The Human Revolution*, vol. 6, “The Seventh Centennial” chapter, pp. 668–89

 **“Youth, just one of you stand!”:** *The New Human Revolution*, vol. 5, “Victory” chapter, pp. 173–78

 **The Parable of the Three Kinds of Medicinal Herbs and Two Kinds of Trees:** *The Wisdom of the Lotus Sutra*, vol. 2, pp. 65–76

 **President Ikeda's 1996 Harvard lecture: “Mahayana Buddhism and Twenty-first Century Civilization”:** <https://www.ikedacenter.org/20th-anniversary/founding-lecture>

 **Osaka Campaign:** *The Human Revolution*, vol. 10, “Determination” chapter, pp. 1305–1339