

# Responding to Questions of the Soul

- Is there a God? (Alma 22)
- What does Jesus Christ expect of me? (2 Nephi 9)
- How can a belief in Jesus Christ help me? (Alma 36)
- Is there life after death? (Alma 40)
- What is the purpose of life? (Alma 34)
- Why does God allow evil and suffering to occur? (2 Nephi 2; Alma 14:9–11; 60:13)
- Does my infant need to be baptized? (Moroni 8)
- Does God know me? (Alma 5:38, 58)
- Does God answer prayers? (Enos 1)
- How can I find peace and joy? (Mosiah 2, 4)
- How can my family be happier and more united? (Mosiah 2)
- How can I balance my family and career? (3 Nephi 13)
- How can I strengthen my relationship with my spouse? (3 Nephi 14)
- How can I avoid the evils that threaten my family? (Alma 39)
- How can I avoid sin? (Helaman 5)

# Revelatory Planning

- Plan the Transfer, Plan the Week, Plan the Day.....Execute!
- Plan with Faith
  - Increased faith in Jesus Christ through power personal study
  - "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" Proverbs 3:5
  - Miracles are most prevalent in the Finding Stage
  - There is a difference between the faith to go out and the faith to find
  - Begin with prayer, seek inspiration for those you are teaching, pray for them that they will receive answers to their prayers
- Plan the Transfer
  - The transfer goal is the "why" of our missionary purpose. (Why are we here? To teach repentance and baptize converts)
  - Important because everything else during the transfer depends on this goal
  - Transfer goal should drive missionaries every single day to work hard and work smart
  - Constant daily prayers of faith "Help us to find the elect"
  - Identify the members to be focused on during the transfer. Many of the elect are family of Church members

# Revelatory Planning

- Plan the Week
  - Baptisms - *“Review the Teaching Record for each person who is committed to be baptized or confirmed in the coming week. Discuss the arrangements you need to make for baptismal interviews, services, and confirmations. Using the Teaching Record, discuss any commitments these people may be struggling with and how you can help them. Plan to make daily contact with them.” PMG p 152*
  - New people to find - *“Review the previous week’s efforts to find new people to teach through referrals, service opportunities, and personal finding activities. Discuss why some people showed interest in learning more and others did not. Set goals for how many new people you will find this week.” PMG p153*
  - Sacrament attendance - *Review the Teaching Record for each person and discuss his or her attendance at sacrament meeting. For people who are attending sacrament meeting regularly, discuss what you need to do to help them continue to have a spiritually uplifting experience. For those who have never attended sacrament meeting, who have attended only once, or who attend occasionally, discuss what might be keeping them from coming. PMG p 152*
  - Baptismal dates - *Set new goals and make plans that will help them progress toward a specific day and time when they can enter into the covenant of baptism and receive the ordinance of confirmation. On your Teaching Record, record the principles you plan to teach and the commitments you will help them keep. PMG p 152*
- Plan the Day (there is a hierarchy to planning the day)
  - Look to transfer goal and then: 1) Plan for the elect 2) Plan to work with members 3) Plan for the elect still to be found. Schedule each hour of the day in Area Book around these three activities

# Extending Inspired Invitations

- Helping those we teach to obligate themselves to a course of action and then following through on that decision
- An inspired invitation should create an unwavering and earnest decision to change
- Asking for a commitment is inviting people to repent
- Making commitments is a foundation for becoming a covenant-keeper
- People are converted when they live the principles they learn and then feel the Spirit confirm that their Heavenly Father is pleased with them
- Be constantly aware of the need to invite people to do things that will strengthen their faith in Christ
- Rarely, if ever, should you talk to people or teach them without extending an invitation to do something what will strengthen their faith in Christ.
- Include an invitation in every lesson plan. Do not over invite.
- Be bold and confident as you invite people to make commitments
- People will likely not change unless they are invited to do so. Help them record their commitment.
- Always follow-up on the invitations which have been extended. Daily contact.
- Keep notes on invitations extended today for follow-up tomorrow.

# Extending Inspired Invitations

- An invitation takes the form of a “**will you**” question and **requires a yes or no response**. Invitations should be **specific, direct, and clear**. An inspired invitation **leads people to decide on a course of action and to exercise faith in Jesus Christ**. An inspired invitation means the **Spirit is present** and will help them commit.
- Framework for an inspired invitation: 1) When the spirit is present, ask a specific question. 2) Give a promise for keeping the commitment. 3) End with a personal testimony of the blessings you have received from living the principle.
- **Example:** *Will you pray and ask God whether Joseph Smith was a prophet? I know that as you do this, God will answer your prayer and you will know for yourself. I personally know that Joseph Smith is a prophet because I have read the Book of Mormon and have come to know it is true through my own prayers. The Book of Mormon has blessed my life as I have come to know the Savior in a way that helps me want to be more like Him.*

# Companionship Inventory

## **Companionship Inventory Process**

- Share goals with your companion and ask for his or her support to accomplish your goals.
- Talk about how your relationship is doing with your companion.
- Discuss any challenges your companionship has that's keeping you from being obedient and united.
- Resolve any conflicts you may have.
- Tell your companion what their strengths are.
- Ask for how you can improve.
- If needed, set goals to improve your relationship with your companion.
- Pray together.

## **Advice for a positive Companionship Inventory**

Here's some advice to have an effective companionship inventory.

- Look for the best in your companion.
- Give your companion compliments.
- Listen to your companion fully express their ideas before responding.
- Apologize for your shortcomings.
- Pray for your companion.
- Use "I" statements to express how you feel.
- Be open to compromise with your companion.