



Gatherers in the Kingdom For Consultants

“And they shall be gathered into the garner, that they are not wasted.” Alma 26:5



Explain to group that you are going to counsel together about what it means to be a gatherer in Heavenly Father’s kingdom. Each person plays an essential role in gathering his or her family on both sides of the veil. In doing so, each person plays a part in the plan of salvation. As temple and family history consultants we also have a role to play in helping others to do the same. Use this outline to guide your discussion.

You can download the videos used throughout this outline before meeting with consultants.

1. Video

Prepare to show the video “[A Sacrifice of Time](#).” Ask class members to listen for an answer to the following question as they watch: **What is President Nelson inviting us to do?**

2. Discussion

What is President Nelson inviting us to do? (He has asked members to sacrifice their time to work on family history and temple work.)

Respondents may cite Doctrine and Covenants 128:15. As a few answers are given, write them on the board until someone mentions sacrifice.

President Nelson said: “I invite you prayerfully to consider what kind of sacrifice, and preferably a sacrifice of time, you can make to do more family history and temple work this year.”

3. Video

Prepare to show the video “[Gatherers in the Kingdom](#).” Ask class members to ponder the following as they watch: **What does President Nelson mean when he says, “We are His covenant children. He can count on us”?** Keep this question in mind as we watch the next short video clip. Elder Bradley D. Foster of the Seventy provides a perspective on President Nelson’s observation.

4. Discussion

What does President Nelson mean when he says, “We are His covenant children. He can count on us”?

Discuss the teachings from Elder Foster in the video regarding our role as children of the covenant.

(You may want to write consultants’ answers on the board until someone mentions *gatherers*.)

5. Key Principles

Gathering: A Family Responsibility

Review the graphic on the next page.

- We and our families are the gatherers in Heavenly Father’s plan.
- The primary gathering place is the home, where family members learn and share memories of their family and record that information in the Family Tree on paper or online. With or without technology, the ultimate family history center is in the home.
- Once gathered in the Family Tree, family members can then be safely gathered into the covenants and ordinances of the temple.

6. Video

Prepare to show the video “[Enabling Families to Gather Families](#).” Ask class members to ponder the following question as they watch: **What can we do to help others act on the invitation to spend more time on temple and family history work?**

7. Discussion

What can we do to help others act on the invitation to spend more time on temple and family history work?

Recently the names of those serving in family history callings was changed. Today we are all called temple and family history consultants.

Our primary responsibility is to help others learn how to follow the Spirit and focus on the temple as they find their ancestors, take them to the temple, and teach others to do the same. This should be done through one-on-one personalized experiences.

Why do you think the First Presidency made this change? What does it mean to you?

Focusing on these responsibilities should take our temple and family history efforts from good efforts to the best efforts.

Discuss how temple and family history consultants will take family history from:

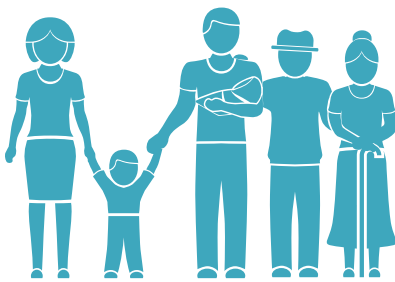
- Being thought of as a technical and clerical experience to a highly spiritual experience that begins with prayer.
- Big classes and group activities to individual experiences within families.
- One-time efforts or events to ongoing efforts with families.

As a result, individuals and families can enjoy regular temple attendance with family-related names.

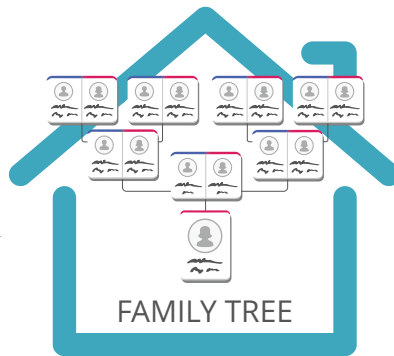
Temple and Family History Consultants

From _____	To _____
Technical and Clerical	Spiritual
Class or Group	Individuals and Families
One-time	Ongoing

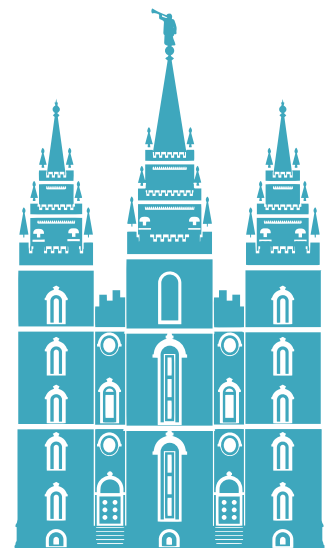
Multigenerational Family



Gatherers



Gathered



Safely Gathered In

8. Key Principles

Temple and Family History Organization

How family history changes in our area will be directly related to how we help individuals and families, led by the Holy Ghost, have personalized one-on-one family history experiences.

This is a family affair. Ideally, the main source of help for each individual comes from his or her own family members. But under the direction of priesthood leaders, temple and family history consultants are called to help and supplement the family in its efforts.

The temple and family history consultants in the ward who work directly with the families will be trained by capable stake temple and family history consultants.

Those stake consultants will be trained by the area temple and family history consultants who used to be called area family history advisors.

9. Discussion

Where are we today in our area? Where do we want to be? What do we need to do to get there?

Answers may include: The best temple and family history consultants in the Church are those who teach like the Savior taught:

- They help people one by one.
- They love.
- They are prayerful and ask the Lord to help them in their calling.
- They are willing to learn and grow to better be able to teach others.
- Apply the six principles for helping others
- They do not, as Elder Cook stated, need to be experts in family history research. They can be new to family history. They can be youth or the young at heart.

How can we qualify for the Lord's help in fulfilling our calling?

Spiritual preparation and prayer are essential to helping others find their families. You should begin your preparation for each person you help by asking the Lord to lead you to those who are ready to have their temple work done. You do not need to be an expert in research, but work to become an expert in following the guidance of the Spirit. He will lead you to those who can help you do things you do not know how to do today and help you to find the resources you need to help others.

What tools and resources are available to help us?

Have the group outline tools available to help enable temple and family history service. They may include:

- Temple and family history consultants
- The *My Family: Stories That Bring Us Together* booklet
- Online tools like [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- New Temples
- Consultant Planner
- One-on-one experiences
- Training from area or stake temple and family history consultants

What role can "gathering" play in our Sabbath day worship?

Discuss how temple and family history work can be done in the home or at church to help bring members to a better use of the Sabbath day and invite the blessings that come in honoring our Heavenly Father's commandments.

What are some of the blessings that await those who accept this invitation?

Have the group list some of the blessings that come to those who search their family and ensure that their temple work is completed.

Emphasize that this work is not about the number of family members found as much as it is about finding individuals and ensuring all of their work is done.

10. Video

Prepare to show the video “[Promised Blessings of Family History](#).” We have been promised many powerful blessings when we find our family members, take their names to the temple, and teach others to do the same.

Ask class members to ponder the following question as they watch: **Which of these blessings do you want for yourself and for those you serve?**

11. Discussion

Which of these blessings would you like for yourself and for those you serve? What will you now do to teach and share the blessings of temple and family history work? Invite consultants to share how they will apply what they have learned. Where time permits invite participants to share personal experiences participating in temple and family history work.

12. Conclusion

You may want to end the lesson by touching on a key principle or idea that impressed you during the discussion. Share your testimony of how temple and family history work blesses individuals and families.