



Gatherers in the Kingdom For Consultants

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



Explain to the consultants that they 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. 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 the consultants to listen for an answer to the following question as they watch: **What invitation has President Nelson extended to Church members?**

2. Discussion

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.”

What invitation has President Nelson extended to Church members? (He has asked members to sacrifice their time to work on family history and temple work.) What will you do to accept his invitation?

Have a consultant read Doctrine and Covenants 97:8

“Verily I say unto you, all among them who know their hearts are honest, and are broken, and their spirits contrite, and are willing to observe their covenants by sacrifice—yea, every sacrifice which I, the Lord, shall command—they are accepted of me.”

What does this scripture teach about sacrifice? What is promised to those who offer a proper sacrifice?

3. Video

Prepare to show the video “[Gatherers in the Kingdom.](#)” Ask the consultants 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”?**

4. Discussion

What does President Nelson mean when he says, “We are His covenant children. He can count on us”? **What does Elder Foster teach about the statement?** (You may want to write class members’ answers on the board. Elder Foster specifically mentions Church members as “gatherers.”)

5. Key Principles

Along with our family members, we are the gatherers in Heavenly Father’s plan. The primary gathering place is the home, where family members learn about and share memories of their family. Then they record that information in their family tree on paper or online. With or without technology, the ultimate family history center is in the home. Once gathered in the tree, family members can then be safely gathered through the ordinances of the temple.

6. Video

Prepare to show the video “[Enabling Families to Gather Families](#).” Ask the consultants to ponder the following question as they watch: **What can you do to help others accept and act on President Nelson’s invitation?**

7. Discussion

What can you do to help others accept and act on President Nelson’s invitation? (You may need to explain that for most people, the easiest way to start is to work with a temple and family history consultant, who can customize the help based on the individual’s specific family tree.)

You may have heard Elder Cook say **temple** and family history consultants. All family history callings at the ward, stake, and area levels are now called temple and family history consultants. What clarity comes from including the word temple in the calling name? (The focus of family history work is temple work.)

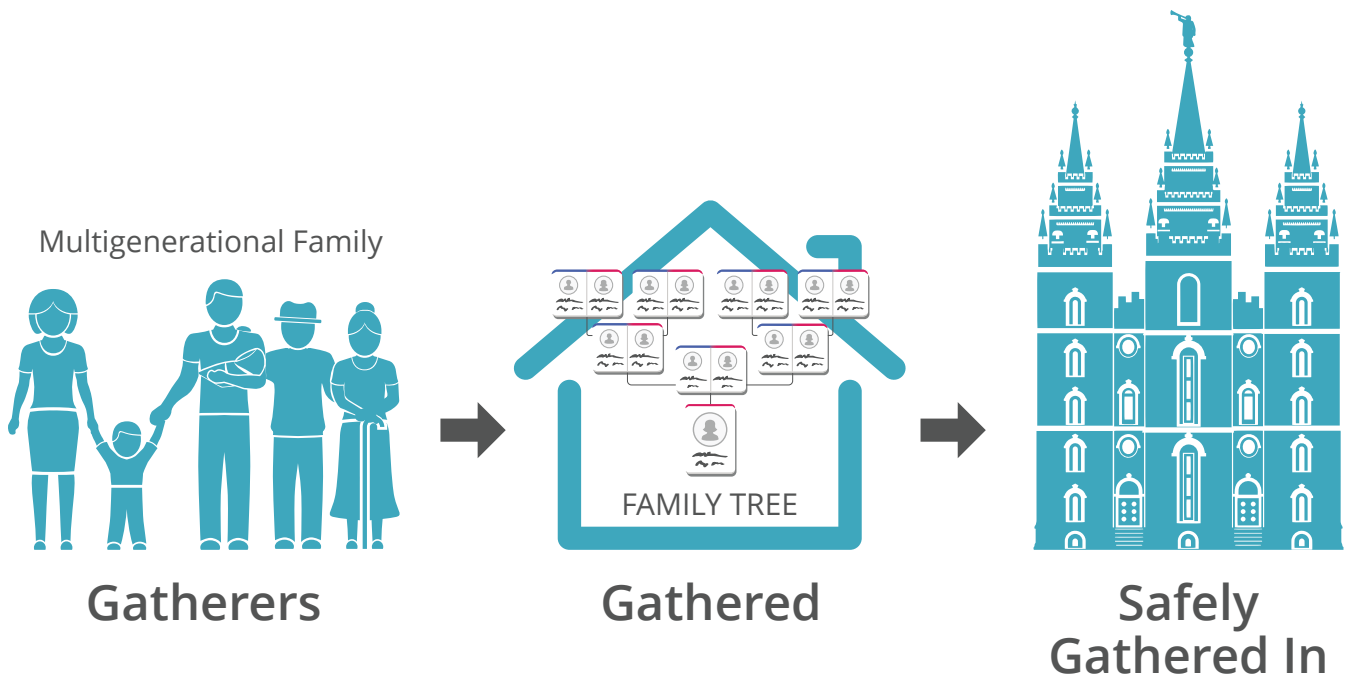
In addition, the word consultant was added to most calling names. **In what ways are we all consultants?** (The primary responsibility consultants have is to help others learn to follow the Spirit and to help others focus on temple work as they find their ancestors and take names to the temple.)

8. Key Principles

Temple and Family History Consultants

The simple wording changes made to temple and family history callings represent a shift in vision for the work as a whole. Temple and family history consultants will help transform family history work:

- From being thought of as a technical, clerical experience to being a rewarding spiritual experience that begins each time with prayer.
- From being large classes involved in a group activity to being a personalized experience for individuals or family members.
- From being a one-time effort or event to being an ongoing effort within families.
- As a result, individuals and families can enjoy regular temple attendance with family-related names.



9. Discussion

How can you seek the Lord’s help in fulfilling your calling as a consultant? (Allow consultants to answer, and then explain that spiritual preparation and prayer are essential in helping individuals find their families. Before consultants meet with an individual, they should ask the Lord to help them find those individuals who are ready to have their temple work done. Consultants do not need to be experts in family history research, but they should strive to be experts in following the Spirit. The Spirit will then lead them to the people and resources they will need as they help others.)

What tools and resources are available to you as a consultant? (Answers may include the *My Family: Stories That Bring Us Together* booklet, greater access to temples, online tools like FamilySearch.org, and the Consultant Planner.) **How have these tools helped you serve more effectively?**

What experiences have you had in finding your ancestors and taking their names to the temple or in helping others do this?

What role can “gathering” have in our Sabbath day worship? (You may want to emphasize that temple and family history work can be done at home or at a church building, which may encourage members in their observance of the Sabbath day. Powerful blessings are promised to individuals who seek out their family members, take their names to the temple, and teach others to do the same.)

What blessings are promised to individuals who accept the invitation to do temple and family history work? (You may want to write class members’ answers on the board. Point out that temple and family history work is not about the number of family members found but rather about finding each individual and ensuring that his or her temple work is done.)

10. Video

Prepare to show the video “[Promised Blessings of Family History](#).” Ask class members to: **Listen for any additional blessings promised to those who accept this challenge.**

11. Discussion

What other blessings are promised to those who accept this challenge? What will you do to claim these blessings for yourself? How can you help others claim them?

Invite the consultants to share how they will apply what they have learned.

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.