



Gatherers in the Kingdom For Church Members

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



Explain to class members 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 prior to the meeting.

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 “We are His covenant children. He can count on us.” mean to you?

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

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

What is our personal role in gathering families on both sides of the veil?

Ensure the following principles are discussed:

- Gathering families on both sides of the veil allow each of us to play a role in the plan of salvation for all of God’s children.
- As members of the Church, first we must act for ourselves, find the names of our ancestors, and take those names to the temple to receive the ordinances offered there and teach others to do the same.
- We bless both our living family and those on the other side of the veil when we participate in temple and family history work.

5. Key Principles

Gathering: A Family Responsibility

Review the graphic below.

- 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 "[Families Gathering Families](#)." Ask class members to ponder the following question as they watch: **What we should do now and what help is out there for us?**

7. Discussion

In order to act on our divinely appointed responsibility, we should consider two immediate invitations:

1. For those members, including new converts, who do not have their first 4 generations recorded—seek to complete them in the Family Tree, and, where possible, take them to the temple.

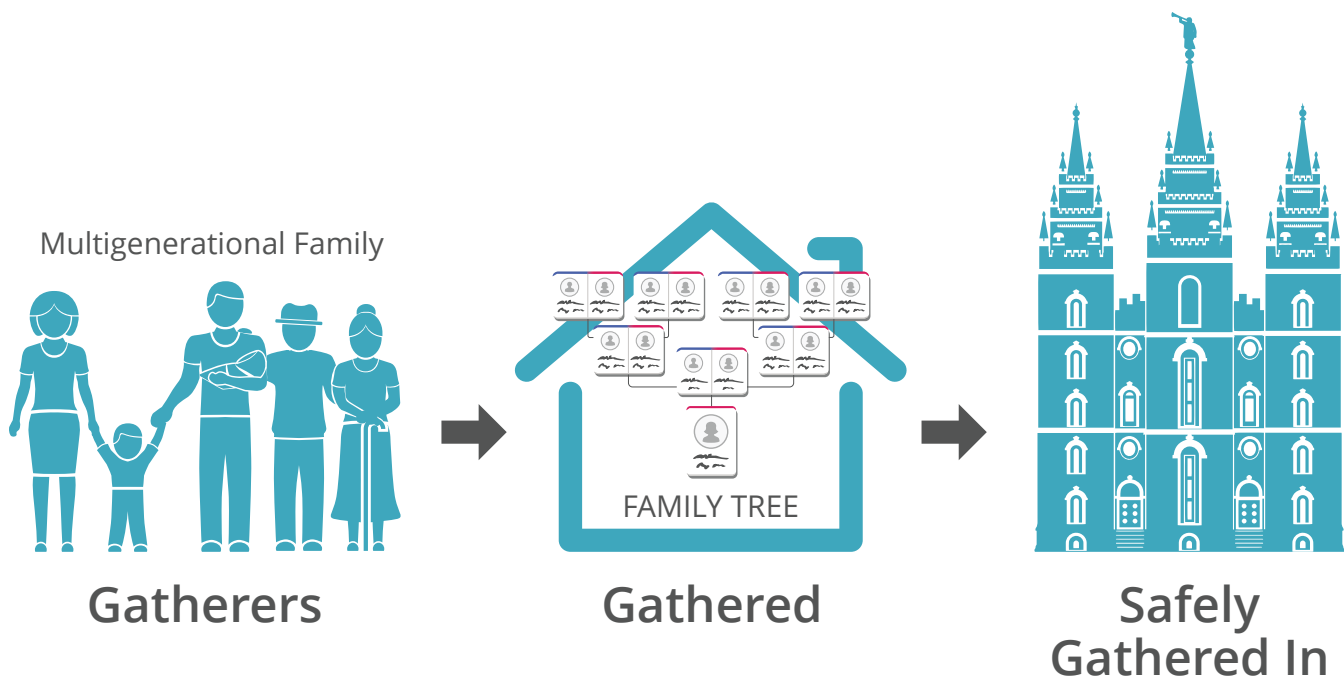
How should those who do not have their first 4 generations in the tree begin? How might it bless those who are new to our faith?

2. For those who have completed their first 4 generations—continue finding more family members, including cousins.

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
- Our own family memories
- The *My Family: Stories That Bring Us Together* booklet
- Online tools like FamilySearch.org
- The power of prayer
- Help from the Holy Ghost
- Help from the other side of the veil

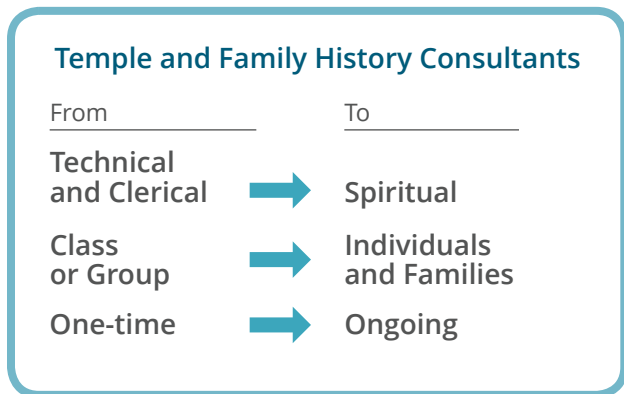


Recently the names of those serving in family history callings was changed. Today they are all called temple and family history consultants.

The primary responsibility of all temple and family history consultants 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.



Our temple and family history consultants are here to help you.

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.

8. 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: **Which of these blessings do you want for yourself and for your family?**

9. Discussion

Which of these blessings you would like for yourself, and for your family? What will you now do to enjoy the blessings of temple and family history work?

Invite members 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.

10. 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.