



## Topics for Primary and Aaronic Priesthood Leadership Training Discussion March 14, 2019, 7:00–8:00pm Mapleton North Stake Center

### **Begin with the end in mind - planning with a purpose**

Effective planning that includes the boy, the scriptures, and the Spirit to EXPERIENCE the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Planning is a process that both develops a program as well as the lives of those involved. This discussion will give ideas of how to develop a youth led program that begins with conversion to Jesus Christ as the primary goal.

### **Understanding how to lead — applying the EDGE method in priesthood leadership**

Leadership is the art of getting the most out of the people we lead. When youth learn how to lead they become more effective instruments in the hands of God. Because change is a huge part of life learning how to modify leadership styles to meet the needs of others is paramount to success. This discussion is designed to teach servant leadership while utilizing the appropriate EDGE leadership method for the stages of team and youth leader development. This is both applicable to youth leaders and adults.

### **Reflection leads to testimony / The power of the campfire**

Many of the great spiritual experiences of youth become solidified by the process of reflection. Testimonies are often born from the declaration from one's own mouth because of an experience that has changed their life. This discussion on reflection is to learn how to open the spiritual eyes of our youth by teaching them to see the hand of God in the experiences and trials we have. Reflection is the power of helping youth feel and identify the spirit that will lead to greater experiences and conversion to Jesus Christ.

### **Principles and practices of letting youth lead**

This discussion will address empowering youth leadership and using divinely taught methods of perfecting shadow leadership as an adult. Methods of instruction, planning, and guiding youth to be successful leaders in front of their peers by connecting them to Christ and teaching them the power of servant leadership. This discussion is especially designed for those who work with Aaronic Priesthood quorum presidencies.

### **What to do with boys turning 11 in 2019.**

Group discussions of how not to lose this age group of boys in the cracks of transition. This will be a one-time discussion that is **specifically geared to Primary Presidents and those specifically working with this group caught in between primary and deacons quorum.** One size does not fit all and this will serve as a venue for idea sharing and inspiration so these youth are not lost.

### **Engaging family participation**

We have moved to family centered - church supported learning on Sundays, how can we do the same with our youth programs. It is apparent and necessary for programs to be successful they must enhance the family experience and not compete against it. This discussion will focus on ways to encourage and promote the participation of families in raising their children, supported by the programs of the church.





### **Learning leadership by magnifying Priesthood duty through service**

How to teach leadership through service opportunities without all of the paperwork found in the scouting program. The underlying purpose and process of the Eagle Project is to learn how to lead. Service provides opportunities that benefits both the boy and the community. This discussion will emphasize the use of planning and performing service to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

### **The “Outing” as a powerful tool to successful missionary development.**

One of the greatest concerns of Priesthood Leaders is the number of missionaries that come home early or perhaps never begin missionary service. It is true we live in a different world but a young man who faithfully serves as a missionary has a life trajectory that improves conversion and activity in the Church. This discussion is based on what we can DO outside of the classroom to make a difference in the life of a boy that will help him along the covenant path and fulfill the purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood.

