

SANDY UTAH WILLOW CREEK STAKE CONFERENCE
WARD AND STAKE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP MEETING, SUNDAY
September 9, 2018
8:00 PM – 9:00 AM
2350 E Creek Road, Sandy UT 84093

Presiding: President **Joseph A Staples.**

Conducting: President **Joseph A. Staples**

Welcome. **President Staples**

Opening Hymn: **“Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel” # 252**

Invocation: **Nancy Glad** (3rd Ward YW 2nd Counselor)

Discussion about Ministering lead by President Davis Smith “A Pattern In All Things”

What does “minister” mean?

- A chief servant; an agent appointed to transact or manage business under the authority of another;
- To give service, care, or aid; to give things needful; to supply the means of relief; to relieve; to contribute, as to comfort or happiness.
- An angel; a messenger of God.

What stands out to you? How is this different from our previous service as home and visiting teachers?

How do we minister in this “bold, new, holier way?” D&C 52:14

“I will give unto you a pattern in all things.”

What patterns can we follow from Christ’s ministry?

A. Good Samaritan • Luke 10:33-34

– What were the 2 things the Samaritan did that put him in a position to help? SAW and HAD COMPASSION – What can we do to get better at this, to improve our reflexes?

B. Woman at the well • John 4:6-7, 9, 13-15, 40-41

– What is the principle here that can help us in our ministering? How did this ministering opportunity present itself?

• ACT, EVEN WHEN TIRED

– Has anyone had an experience when you did not ask for help, but someone unexpectedly came to you to assist in a desperate moment of need?

Woman with issue of blood • Mark 5:25-34

– What is the principle here that can help us in our ministering?

• Jesus stopped and went back, even when it appeared unnecessary

Lazarus, Mary, and Martha • John 11: 1-3, 5, 17, 19, 31-36, 38-39, 41, 43-44

– What is the principle here that can help us in our ministering?

• LOVE and TURN TO GOD - One by one

- Most effective way to minister is one by one, we need to shift from our collective way of teaching to individual serving.
- Ether 3:6 - he touched the stones of the Brother of Jared, “one by one”
- 3 Nephi 17:21 - “he wept ... and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them.”
- 3 Nephi 11:15 – “The multitude thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth.”
- 3 Nephi 18:36 - “he touched with his hand the disciples who he had chosen, one by one, and spake unto them as he touched them.”
- John 13:4-5 - Washing feet of disciples

What is the principle here that can help us in our ministering?

- Look for those in need
- Have compassion for others
- Act, even when tired
- Go back, even if it doesn't seem necessary
- Love deeply
- Turn to God
- Serve individuals

How do we use Christ's pattern to effectively minister?

“The flexibility of ministering should allow the Spirit to guide our efforts, not lead us to relax.”

– One of my friends recently asked me in bewilderment, “Where did my visiting teachers go?” From the time her husband passed away, they had been so caring and attentive, but since the announcement of the new ministering program at general conference in April 2018, she hasn't seen hide nor hair of them.

– Does this added flexibility mean visiting in the home is not a good way to minister? Sister Bingham: “We are all adjusting to a new way of doing things, and some ministering brothers and sisters may not have understood that although a home visit isn't the only way to minister, it is certainly a wonderful way to show love and genuine interest—and many members still need it.”

– Individualized for what that family wants and needs. (“As members minister, they determine through communication and inspiration the frequency and type of contact they have with those to whom they give care”)

Has anyone had a good experience asking their ministering family how it would be most helpful for you to minister to them?

Ministering Interviews

- What is the purpose?
- How frequently?

- How to conduct them?

Conducting effective ministering interviews

- “An effort to seek divine guidance together on how to best minister in the Lord’s way”
- At least once each quarter – as often as needed
- The added flexibility could result in less attention, rather than more

Closing Hymn: **Lord, I Would Follow Thee** #220

Benediction: **Spencer Grider** (9th Ward EQ Assistant Secretary)