

## RELIEF SOCIETY WARD CONFERENCE

February 24, 2019

Relief Society was taught by the stake Relief Society presidency: Teresa Curtis, president; Jan Wilhite, 1st counselor; Jennifer Sass, 2<sup>nd</sup> counselor; and Leah Bryner, secretary. Their presentations were based on the home curriculum “Come Follow Me.” Each member of the presidency presented thoughts and perspectives based on their individual situations.

### JAN WILHITE

She is married, has 4 loud and rowdy kids and they are all active in the Church.

Where? They find it is best for their family to gather around the kitchen table and use their Apple TV to project curriculum images. They include snacks for everyone and a coloring pad for their youngest child.

When? They meet at the same time each week or it doesn't happen. This is an individual matter. Some counsel to bishops was they shouldn't stand in the way of families and the Holy Ghost.

Why? President Nelson said that as we “remodel” our homes for home family study, we are promised 3 things: 1. It will become a delight; 2. Children will be excited about the Sabbath; 3. Influence of the adversary will decrease.

Who? We can include different extended family members or neighbors each week. President Nelson has said that this program will unleash power of families.

### JENNIFER SASS

Jennifer is a member of the singles ward. There are all different kinds of single sisters. The ward provides an opportunity to get together in study groups. As they come together, they receive lots of different insights. Our homes can become like a temple. If we make studying the gospel #1, everything else will fall into place.

### LEAH BRYNER

She has lived in the stake 42 years, is married, and she and her husband are empty nesters. Their children are all active in the Church. Her husband goes back and forth between being active and then inactive in the Church. She is currently on her own in studying the new curriculum. She asked her children what made them stay on the right path and they answered that they always did everything together as a family and were taught Gospel principles. Her husband's traits of service, honesty and integrity passed on to their children. She shared several of the good things their children are doing who were raised by both her and her husband. It is important that we all try to implement the program and not be overwhelmed. We will find out what works and what doesn't.

### THERESA CURTIS

She is married and she and her husband are empty nesters. They have always done individual Gospel studying. When they first started studying together, it did not work. Her husband was prompted that they should share their testimonies with their children and grandchildren. They went to each of their homes and did this which turned out to be a sweet experience. They have one child in Singapore, so they faceted that family. They later tried again to study together, and they have been able to have some positive experiences. President Nelson said that this program will expand what we already know. No matter how old we are, we are not done. There is no end point. President Staples said that Choosing Christ (ward conference theme) is an on-going process.

*Christ is our living water and we will never thirst if we follow him.*