



***Priesthood Quorums and  
Relief Society Classes***

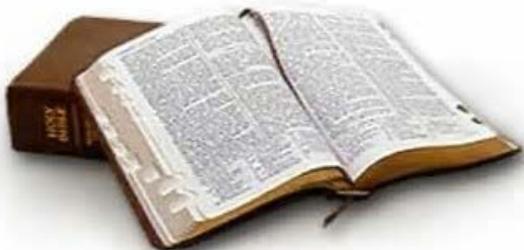
***Curriculum Changes  
for 2018***

***Kent Washington Stake***



## *Priesthood Quorums and Relief Society Classes Curriculum Changes for 2018*

- The Church has announced changes for Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society Sunday meetings in 2018 that affect not only what materials adults will study but also how they use the time they meet together to accomplish the Lord's work.
- An August 25 letter from the First Presidency announced that the new 2018 materials—*Come, Follow Me—For Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society Meetings*—will emphasize learning from general conference messages and counseling together.

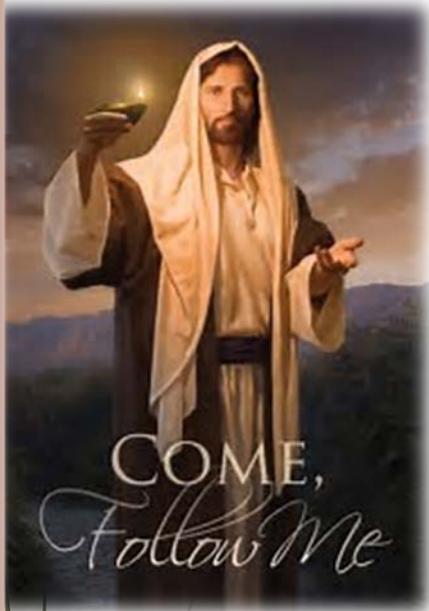


## *Building on Recently Implemented Programs*

Similar to the “Come, Follow Me” youth curriculum, the materials encourage Relief Society and Melchizedek Priesthood leaders to follow the teaching and learning approach of *Teaching in the Savior’s Way*. In addition, the new materials also emphasize:

- Learning from general conference messages.
- Studying special topics selected every six months by general leaders of the Church.
- Counseling together as priesthood quorums and groups and Relief Societies.

The new materials for adults replace the *Teachings of Presidents of the Church* series used from 1998 to 2017.

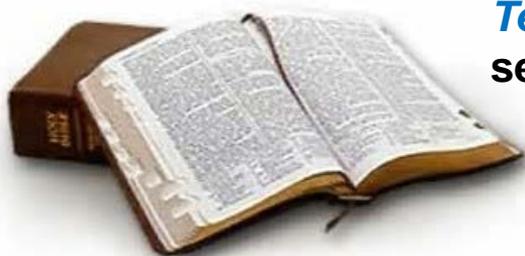


Come, Follow Me



Teaching in the  
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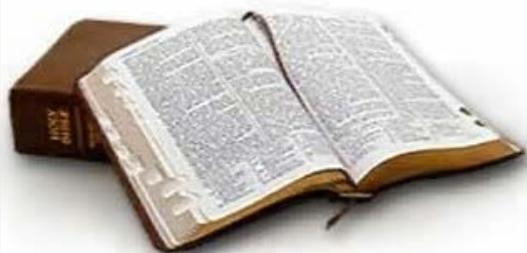
The goal of every gospel teacher—every parent, every formally called teacher, every home teacher and visiting teacher, and every follower of Christ—is to teach the pure doctrine of the gospel, by the Spirit, in order to help God’s children build their faith in the Savior and become more like Him.



# *Priesthood Quorums and Relief Society Classes Identified Plan for Monthly Sessions*



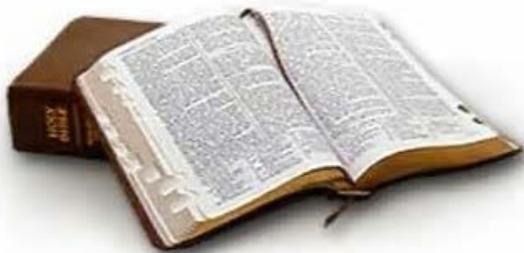
<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led by</u>
First Sunday	Counseling together about local needs	Presidency or group leadership
Second and Third Sundays	Recent general conference message	Presidency or group leadership or a called teacher
Fourth Sunday	Special topic chosen by general Church leaders (announced in May and November issues of the Liahona and Ensign magazines)	Presidency or group leadership or a called teacher
Fifth Sunday	Topic chosen by the Bishopric or someone they assign	Bishopric





## *General conference messages and special topics*

- **One of the reasons for the new approach is to give increased emphasis to the words of the living prophets and devoting more time to the messages at general conference.**
- **Teaching tools will help the instruction and discussion of those messages be rich and more meaningful for the members of the Church.**
- **Local leaders will counsel together about which conference messages will best meet the needs of their members, and Relief Society and Melchizedek Priesthood quorums and groups don't have to study the same message the same week.**
- **"In our classes and quorums, we'll help one another find ways to apply their counsel in our daily lives and then have the opportunity to share how we've been blessed from following that counsel. I love how this will help us learn from the Spirit as well as from one another." said Sister Jean B. Bingham, Relief Society General President.**





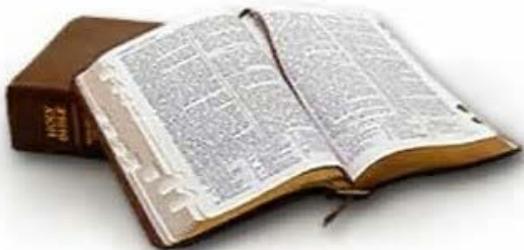
## *Counseling Together*

**First-Sunday meetings, held under the direction of ward Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society leaders, are used to identify local needs and counsel together about how to meet those needs.**

**Possible topics for first-Sunday councils include:**

- **How to improve communication with family members**
- **Serve in the community, and,**
- **Mentor youth in the ward or branch.**

**Those participating in a pilot of 12 stakes, said using the new curriculum helped increase the unity of the quorum and classes. “We sit in a circle, and each week feels like a council. We are getting more engagement and more application to daily lives than we have experienced in quorum or classes ever before. ... Because we are always responding to needs and to current concerns of the priesthood members, the Holy Ghost is present in more abundance.”**





## *Learn more about the 2018 materials*

- To learn more about the 2018 materials for Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society, see the information on <http://ComeFollowMe.lds.org>, which includes answers to frequently asked questions.
- In November 2017, watch for the new materials, along with information about how to use them:
  - At <http://ComeFollowMe.lds.org>.
  - In the Gospel Library app.
  - In an 8-page insert in the November 2017 and May 2018 issues of the Liahona and Ensign.
- More information on counseling together will be in the January 2018 issues of the Liahona and Ensign.

