



Teaching in the Savior's Way

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The Big Picture

- What it is & why...
- How do we make it work successfully & consistently in the ward?
- Challenges & Opportunities



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We are all Teachers! These new resources are for everyone to improve gospel teaching in our homes and classrooms.

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What Is It & Why?



- Why did the Church release Preach My Gospel?
- What is different about *Come, Follow Me* used in youth classes?
- Seminary: Scripture Mastery is now Doctrinal Mastery – why?

What Is It & Why?

Teaching in the Savior's Way is...

- A much greater focus on teaching the doctrine more effectively than we have in the past
- An organized framework to perpetually improve teaching skills among all members, young and old, at church & in the home



“I say to you again that a knowledge of the principles and doctrines of the gospel will affect your behavior more than talking about behavior.”



Introduction Video by Elder Holland (6:00)

Teacher Council Meetings

- A monthly vehicle for ALL teachers to learn from each other the vital skills of *teaching in the Savior's way*.
- Not a course or class
- Held during 2nd & 3rd hour
- Discussions facilitated by SS Presidency or others as assigned
- Under direction of the Ward Council



Handout 1:
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Who Attends?

“Everyone who teaches a quorum or class in the ward should attend, along with at least one of the priesthood or auxiliary leaders responsible for those teachers.”

TISW Guidebook, page 3



Recommendations:

1. Every Ward Council member should attend the first several TCM's.
2. Always have a Bishopric member present.

Teacher Council Meetings

- SLIPP
 - Share together
 - Learn together
 - Invoke & Practice
 - Prepare for next meeting



Handout:
TCM Sample Agenda

1. Share & Counsel Together

- Teachers share
- Review principles discussed in previous TCM
- Recent teaching experiences (good & bad)
- Ask questions related to teaching
- Share ideas for overcoming challenges

What thoughts and impressions did you have on Share & Counsel Together?





Share & Counsel Together (3:00)

1. Share & Counsel Together

FOR THE DISCUSSION LEADER

Share and counsel together. Begin by inviting teachers to share recent teaching experiences and ask questions related to teaching.

Learn together. Invite teachers to discuss one or more of the ideas in this section. Do not try to cover everything in one meeting.

Practice. As appropriate, ask teachers to share any spiritual impressions they received during this discussion. What will they do to be guided by the Spirit the next time they teach? In the next teacher council meeting, invite them to share their experiences.

Prepare. Decide together on a topic for the next meeting, and invite teachers to prepare.

What thoughts and impressions did you have on Share & Counsel Together?

2. Learning Together

- Facilitator helps the Teacher Council discuss one or more principles in the guidebook (or resources)
- Principles may be addressed in any order
- One principle may be continued next month



Principles Taught in Guidebook

Contents

Part 1: Love Those You Teach

- Love Those You Teach
- Focus on People, Not Lessons
- Reach Out to Those Who Do Not Attend

Part 2: Teach by the Spirit

- Teach by the Spirit
- Prepare Yourself Spiritually
- Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Create an Environment That Invites the Spirit
- Take Advantage of Spontaneous Teaching Moments
- Make a Plan

Part 3: Teach the Doctrine

- Teach the Doctrine
- Use Music, Stories, and Art to Teach Doctrine
- Respond to Difficult Questions with Faith
- Teach the Children Teach the Youth

Part 4: Invite Diligent Learning

- Invite Diligent Learning
- Ask Inspired Questions
- Lead Inspired Discussions
- Invite Learners to Act
- Support Gospel Learning in the Home



Learning Together (2:45)

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3. Practice & Invite

Teachers practice the principle together

Teachers are invited to record & act upon any impressions they receive about how to apply the principle in their own class and in their homes





Practice & Invite (3:00)

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3. Practice & Invite

Why is practice so vital to learning to teach in the Savior's way?



How Do We Make It Work Well?

- Every ward leader & teacher should receive a hard copy of the guidebook
- Room size sufficient to accommodate all possible participants
 - Chairs organized in a semi-circle for best participation
- All teachers & most leaders attend
 - Repeated invites from Bishopric
 - Phone calls from Auxiliary presidencies to individual teachers
 - Email / FaceBook

First Teacher Council Meeting

- All teachers personally invited
- Bishopric attends
- Bishop determines who leads it
- Read before meeting: pages 2 – 5 (introduction)
- Do before meeting:
 - Self evaluation form
 - Repeat assignment at end of meeting
- Explain why: *Teaching in the Savior's Way*
- Review TCM format / set expectations
- How will they personally benefit from attending?
- Invite them to bring a notebook / journal to record impressions
- Choose a principle for next meeting

Leading the TCM

- Different people can facilitate each SLIPP section
- Make it a safe place to share & discuss
- Prepare an agenda
- Be prepared with questions to lead discussions, videos, etc.
- Start / End on time regardless of when people arrive
- Seating in a circle – everybody sees everybody
- Use the chalkboard to list key points
- Remind them to bring a journal / notebook
- Remind them of assignments / preparation

Challenges & Opportunities

- Primary
 - Teachers will arrive late
 - Requires special arrangements for some
 - Bishopric member should provide special support & encouragement to Primary President
- Attendance
 - Teachers not likely to change old habits quickly
 - At least one Presidency member attends
 - At least one Bishopric member attends

Challenges & Opportunities

- Role of Sunday School Presidency
 - Organize meeting
 - Facilitate discussions
 - Help each participant feel fed & uplifted
 - Make the TCM a safe place for all
 - Recommend to WC topics to focus on
- Preparation
 - Facilitator must come prepared to lead a discussion
- Scheduling
- Practicing
- Room selection

Resources

Stake Resource Web Site Link:

<http://www.screencast.com/t/ytNznGvTn>

- Video recording of this training
- TCM Agenda Template (Word)
- Manual – Teaching in the Savior’s Way
- PowerPoint with videos embedded (800mb)
- PowerPoint without videos embedded (3mb)
- Training Handout

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What
Impressions
Have You
Felt?





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