

“What Does Our Church Believe?”

Study Program



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Preface

This book is designed to give a basic view of many things our church believes. We as Remnant saints need to Read, Study and Obey. We are not yet as spiritual or knowledgeable as we must be. Our goal here is to help us read and study concepts, many of which are unique to our Church.

This guide book is set up in a nine-month study program, either individually or as a group. There are three parts to each lesson. One is the Worship, which can lead us to a higher spiritual plane, preparing us for the Study Guide segment which is set up similar to a Sunday School or Reunion class. Questions after each study guide lesson will help reinforce thoughts and ideas we have just discussed. The third part is the activities which follow the questions section as a fun way to keep the lessons we've learned clearly in our minds.

Oh, yes. You may have noticed something when reading these lessons. Do they remind you of the Rock of Revelation Church? If not, there is a copy of this church in the back after the last lesson. Don't peek until you have completed the book.

Throughout this book we have used the Inspired Version of the Bible for our scriptures. This is something else our church believes and uses.

D&C = Doctrine and Covenants (modern revelations).

LF = Lectures on Faith

NIV = New International Version of the Bible



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Worship 1 - “Miracles”

Scripture: Luke 16:18,20,22,24

Hymn: #500 “Father, When in Love to Thee”

I was born and raised in the Church by Godly parents and was baptized at the age of eight. I was an obedient child, at least until I turned 17. At that time I discovered a deep need to be on my own and experience the world much to my parent’s chagrin. I know they spent many nights in prayer for my safety and my return to the Lord. I lived from the age of 17 until I was 34 experiencing the world. Mom and Dad had “gathered in” to Independence around 1977. In 1981 I ran from a bad marriage and indulgence of things that were no good for me to my parents and “came home” so to speak. They were very patient and tolerant of me for a couple months until I figured out that moving out of state was not going to make my life better. I needed to get back to the way I was raised and get close to the Lord again. The Lord bringing me back was a miracle in itself but He didn’t stop there.

In my endeavor to get back to the way I had been raised God had to step in and help me in giving up vices I had incurred along the way. When I gave up alcohol He would help me drive past the places I knew my co-workers were. He also cleansed my body of all nicotine when I knelt to ask His help. At that time I made a covenant with Him that cigarettes would never touch my lips again. I’ve lost count of the miracles the Lord has given me. Like my house selling to the first buyer at full asking price for cash with no squabbles. I am so undeserving yet He’s given me such grace. I can never deny Him. I am so thankful for my parents.

Written by Cheryl Blanton



Study Guide 1 - “Prophecies”

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 14:1-3; Acts 2:17-18;
1 Thessalonians 5:19-20; D&C 46:7

Hymn: #287 “We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet”

Alma 4:10 tells us: The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Brother John R. Grice said he awoke with a feeling of heaviness and depression, and soon a vision passed before him. He saw the President of the United States standing with a proclamation in his hand, which he was reluctant to read. When he made the announcement to the country, everyone knew that we were insolvent. Business, industry, and all activity came to a standstill. People stood in bewilderment, unemployed, confused, bewildered, desperate. Those who were away from home were unable to return because they could not even buy gasoline. But with this great ingathering there came great persecution-so great that only those who were deeply grounded in the faith could withstand. He felt particularly that we should train the young people so that they would be ready for this period of trial; otherwise they will be unprepared and will lose faith. He was made aware that this great Depression is much nearer than we think.

December, 1951 (taken from a recording of Brother Grice.)
Near this morning I was awakened, for I had been called upon to pass through an experience that was not at all pleasant. I was given to understand that our great country had become insolvent. I was privileged to see consternation upon the faces of the people; the inability to understand why these things should occur. I saw a gentleman of one of our large manufacturing institutions, waiting and hopeful that he might not have to give out the message that was called to give – that was, it would be necessary to close shop; nothing could be done, our money had become so devaluated to the extent it was worth little or nothing. Men [were] stranded far from their homes with their automobiles and unable to purchase gasoline,

though there was much of it to be had. These are the things that await us in the future; even in this greatest country in the world. Our hope as a people, as a Church, is to fortify ourselves as we shall have been busily engaged in building Zion; that is our task for performance. Today, while some are fearful and unwilling, some not willing to give of themselves, others not willing to give of their possessions in harmony with the law, Zion is lagging behind in the steps that should be made – processes that should be going on to make possible the fulfillment of the purposes of God in building His great Church and Kingdom. I hope our experiences, just as we have had this morning and of those we will yet continue to have, that we as a people shall forge ahead with greater rapidity in the year 1952 that is so near to us. While there will be many clogs in the wheels of progress and things to hinder, I trust we will go forward and not cease our activities until Zion shines out, a city of refuge. A place to be builded; not for the wicked, but for those who will not fight or take up their swords against their neighbors who need to flee to Zion for safety – for in Zion and her stakes only shall safety be found. This land is God’s land, and purposely the great Church has to be builded in this great state of Missouri – its headquarters here. We have much to be thankful for. I hope we live and profit by the experience of this day, and in the future, that will enable us to build if we will. *(Brother John R. Grice served as a seventy and then as a patriarch/evangelist in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He died January 7, 1969.)*

Some of my thoughts were also taken from “The Whole Wide World” by F. Henry Edwards and the book “What in the World is Going On?” by Dr. David Jeremiah.

Prophecy speaks for God; it tells God’s truth. Prophets spoke God’s Word to their present generation but with truths that often revealed the future. A prophecy is a prediction. Have faith in God and we will find the capacity to understand the things of God. Is there any reason why we shouldn’t have confident trust in God? Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,

today and forever. In the book of Revelation it says, “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last.” The Christian proclamation, the Zionite proclamation is this: Jesus Christ, the One in whom we can always trust – Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. We today shall remember that when the foundations of the earth were laid, when “the morning stars sang together, when the essence of the way of life of all mankind was being determined, the Lord Jesus was there – Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.” Today all around us, things are changing. But man’s need of God, his need of truth and fellowship, these things do not change. The Lord Jesus who loved men enough to live for them and die for them in the yesterdays, loves men with that same quality of concern today. All that God has done for our fathers – all these things are available now, and when we think and pray and talk of the restoration of the Gospel, what we are saying is that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. All prophecies have to have all of these principles or they are not of Jesus Christ. As we study when we read or hear a prophecy, we immediately go through the things we have studied to see if it is of the Lord. This is one reason we are told to study so we will know for ourselves if it is true or not. *Taken from ‘Vision #52-March 2006’.*

Study Questions:

1. Are we supposed to study? Why? How?
2. Can we study the scriptures to find out if a prophecy is true?
3. Find a place in the Doctrine & Covenants about Zion and the prophecy given to her.

Written by Lou Zahner



Activity 1 – “Miracles and Prophecies”

- Share testimonies with each other. If you are studying alone, call someone and share a testimony with her.
- Share prophecies that have been fulfilled or look in the scriptures for Biblical/Book of Mormon prophecies that have already been fulfilled.

Written by Esther Miller



Worship 2 – “Love”

Scripture: I John 4: 8-11

Hymn: #454 “Softly and Tenderly”

Having met and married a wonderful man, I felt that there was no one I could love more on this earth. That is, until we decided to have children. The joy that comes in being pregnant, feeling those first flutters which turn into kicks, and counting down the days until you get to hold your baby is hard to describe. You love that baby from the second you know about it.

I had a somewhat difficult pregnancy. At eight weeks, I woke up to blood one morning. I was especially panicked because my husband was deployed and not there with me. I was a mess in the emergency room, sure that I was losing this precious gift. After some tests were performed, it was discovered that the bleeding was coming from the placenta, from what was essentially a pocket of blood that had formed. While it was somewhat large in size, it was expected to resolve. About a month later, I was able to go home to Missouri, and was administered to. Thankfully, through the prayers and God’s blessing, the issue resolved itself and I gave birth to a very healthy baby girl. Through all the anxieties of pregnancy, I finally was able to see the face of my little girl.

Being a mom, you see the similarities in the love you have for your child and the love that God has for us. Every sickness, every problem you wish you could take on yourself and spare them from the pain. You sacrifice for your child: giving up sleep, your own self-care, or in eating first. You give the best for your child. You attempt to teach your child right from wrong, to correct the bad behavior and encourage the good. In the same way, God watches over us, yearns to protect us from the worst of life, has given us His word to teach us right from wrong, and gave the ultimate sacrifice in sending His Son to die for our sins. As God loves us, He also expects us to show the same love to each other, to love and nurture, to show grace and forgiveness. If we know and love God, we can extend the same love to all His children.

Written by Stephanie Durant



Study Guide 2 – “Stewardship”

Being a 5th generation saint in my family on my mother's side, the church was ever present in my upbringing. At the early age of eight we, (my brothers and I), became members of the RLDS church and were introduced to the lessons of tithing. As soon as we started receiving a small allowance, we were taught to start to tithe. Our allowance was about \$.30 a week. We would save some, spend some and give \$.03 to the church. As our allowance was sporadic so was the giving of our tithes. Of course, at that level of money tithing is very easy. As we grew and worked for our funds, we found the more money made the more difficult it is to give 10%.

Tithing is one-tenth part of something, paid as a contribution to a religious organization or compulsory tax to government.

Genesis 14:20
Luke 16:10-12

Malachi 3:10-11
Leviticus 27:30,32

As we grew so did our understanding of different stewardships- for example, stewardships of time and talent. We all tried our hand at musical instruments. None of us developed those particular talents. My elder brother developed talents for mechanical things, electronics and building. My younger brother, the artist, has always done beautiful artwork, which has moved into drafting and tool and die designing. He continues to develop his talent in fine arts today. My sewing became a stewardship of both time and talent – which has expanded outside of the church, with invitations to those with the desire to learn quilting. This allows for opportunities to discuss our beliefs and church. These early learned talents have served us well all our lives.

Stewardship means: Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation. Stewardship can include the job of a supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.

Matthew 25:15-30

Two days before my eleventh birthday we were blessed with a baby sister. When my sister turned five years old the weekend before she started kindergarten, our father announced he was leaving the family. My brothers and I were all starting to find employment, while still in high school. This is when the term ‘just wants’ and ‘needs’ gained new meaning. We all needed to pitch in and help out. We learned what was a need, what was a replacement, and what we just wanted. We all needed to prioritize. A few years later my friend Patty needed a place to live. Patty moved in until she found a permanent home. We have always had other people living in our home - only made possible by God’s blessings. Patty did join the church just months before she and my elder brother were married. Patty found her permanent home with our family.

Matthew 10:7

Acts 20:35

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Matthew 6:20-21

Proverbs 3:9-10

Offering means: a thing offered, especially as a gift or contribution; given out of free will and not expected or commanded; a contribution to the support of the church.

For many years the lessons taught to us as children were reinforced by our church classes and sermons. For a long time that was enough. The Lord's church went through many siftings in the past 40 years. We all made choices as to how we were going to live our lives. Our Heavenly Father brought us a prophet in Brother Fredrick N. Larsen. Brother Larsen, followed the Heavenly Father's leadings and finished restoring His church, with a proper bishop. Bishop Kevin Romer was called and ordained to the office of High Priest of the Aaronic Priesthood. Through the bishop's office we learned more about the stewardship of Consecration.

Titus 1: 7-8 *D&C 42:8-10b*
D&C R161: 1 *D&C 82:2b*

Other scriptures to read on Consecration:

D&C 42:14-19 *Jacob 2:21-28*
D&C 51:4 *Alma 1:46-47*
D&C R150:5a-b; 6a *Mosiah 1:55-58,77*
D&C R147: 2

Study Questions

1. Can you recall the first experience you had with tithing?
2. Do you have a testimony of when you consecrated?
3. What talents do you have, and how have they been developed?
4. Give an example of how the Lord has worked in your life due to your stewardship.

Written by Sharon Haley



Activity 2 – “Love and Stewardship”

- Collect items for the homeless
- Ask youth to collect items for animal shelter
- Collect diapers for this organization called Happy Bottoms
- Volunteer at lunch partners
- Collect food for the food pantry

Written by Toni and Keilah Zahner



Worship 3 - “Visions”

Scripture: Proverbs 29:18

Hymn: #288 “We Limit Not the Truth of God”

The Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints believes in visions. What a beautiful blessing God has given His church; in fact, the gospel of Jesus Christ was renewed with the blessing of receiving visions from our Heavenly Father! Since the beginning of time, as recorded through scriptures, we find testimonies of visions that God has given His people for various reasons.

Abraham, Nephi, Joseph Smith Jr. and others have all shared the beautiful miracle of God revealing himself to mankind through visions. Sometimes the vision is for a group of people, and other times the vision is for just for one person.

When I read the scriptures, I always lean in a little farther to try to listen as someone shares their experience when they have had a vision. Can you imagine? What a thrill to be used in such a way by the Lord! To have His light given directly to you.

The “vision” in *Proverbs 29:18* refers to a divine communication such as a dream, a revelation, or a prophecy.

When it states that “the people perish” where there is no vision, the word translated “perish” or “cast off restraint” in the original text means “to loosen” and thus “to expose or uncover.” The same Hebrew word is used in *Exodus 32:17-19* during the golden calf incident: It is also used in Leviticus regarding uncovering one’s head or letting one’s hair hang loose. Other proverbs use the same word to denote “ignoring” or “neglecting” instruction (*Proverbs 1*) and “avoiding” the path of the wicked (*Proverbs 4*).

Without the word of God, people are “loose”; that is, they go their own way. They live without restraint. Ultimately, living in such a way will lead to death because to ignore God’s way is to ignore the way of life (*Romans 6*). So how do we keep ourselves from such lethal waywardness?

We are blessed when we keep God’s directives. When we fail to read God’s word and live it out in our lives, we become people “without vision.” When we ignore God’s word, we begin to live without restraint to our own peril. Conversely, when we heed God’s word, we are blessed, as Jesus said in *John 15:9-11*.

We pray that we are always found striving to follow Christ’s will for us as revealed through His word and those that are given the gift of visions.

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Study Guide 3 - “Dreams”

“For where faith is, there will the knowledge of God be also, with all things which pertain thereto—revelations, visions, and dreams, as well as every other necessary thing in order that the possessors of faith may be perfected and obtain salvation;”
Lectures on Faith 7:20K

Dreams are the chosen way in which God uses to bring people His plans and purposes. Through dreams God reveals to Joseph things that would come to pass. (*Genesis 37:5-10*)

Dreams allow us to see things as they really are, not as they appear to be. (*2 Nephi 3:38*)

The Holy Spirit is always looking for those who will listen to what He is saying, look at what He is showing them, and open their heart to His mind. (*Job 33:14-18*).

Other scriptures to consider:

1 Nephi 1:7 *Alma 16:35*

Alma 6:26 *Ether 4:3*

Study Questions:

1. What was your nicest dream you can remember?
2. Have you tried to interpret any of your dreams?
3. Do you feel God was pressing on your heart or showing you things to come?
4. Have you ever felt led to share your dreams to a friend, family member, or church member?

Written by Jen Patterson



Activities 3 – “Visions and Dreams”

- Have you ever had a spiritual dream? Share with your group.
- Our nightly dreams can be a mash-up of conscious and unconscious thoughts. It can be interesting to dissect them. Check out a library book to see what your dreams mean.
- Pick up a kaleidoscope and watch the designs shift. This might be like having a vision or dream. Try to explain to others what you see. You could also do this looking through a ‘ViewMaster’.

Written by Kelli Woods



Worship 4 - “Repentance”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 7:8

IV For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent; for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing; For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

NIV Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Hymn: #500 “Father When in Love to Thee”

In our Epitome of Faith for the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, it says, “We believe that through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. We believe that these ordinances are, first, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. From "Times and Seasons" Volume III, pages 709-710, 1842.

I’m a mom and my kids are young adults now, but I still think of words and terms especially moral or spiritual things in terms of how I would or did explain it to them. Repentance, being sorry for something I did or said. Not just sorry because mom said I should be sorry, or because someone I like and respect overheard or saw how I acted and now I am a little bit embarrassed because they gave me “that look” but that is a start. That does at least mean that there is a place in my heart that knows I did something I should not have done. Now, I need to push just a little beyond that. I did something wrong, I should feel sorry for what I did, and now I need to stop doing that thing and apologize for what I did.

Thinking back, I don’t think that my kids were terribly different than other kids as they were growing up. However, generally speaking, they are all pretty strong-willed, (I like to blame that on my husband, and do). It always surprised me that although they were sweet kids none of them were very good at being sorry for doing something to one of their siblings, note they were okay at saying sorry, but being sorry was another story. I felt like I had taught them, and tried to model the behavior that I expected, but frequently they were just downright stubborn. I can remember trying many things to bring this concept home, but it was an uphill battle. I’d like to say that I found a sure-fire way to *make* them repentant, but it doesn’t really work like that. We are all individuals and are

driven by different factors, so we must come to repentance on our own accord, the way that we come unto Christ.

The Angel Message tract, on repentance, tells us “If you have the necessary faith to serve as a spring of action, and the good sense, grace, and courage to repent, God will receive you on the terms of his gospel.” It seems pretty straight-forward. Repentance just like your Momma taught you is a pretty big deal. First faith, then repentance.

I found a definition given for repentance in The Old Jerusalem Gospel, by Joseph Luff: “Repentance is the relinquishment of any practice, from the conviction that it has offended God.” When I looked further I found a definition of relinquishment that seems very fitting for the process of repentance. The Free Dictionary defines relinquishment as “declaring something is surrendered or disowned, giving up or yielding, surrender – **a verbal act of admitting defeat.**” To me, that really sums up what we must do to repent. We must give up our selfish will (saying aloud might help drive home the point) and admit defeat, handing our sin over to our Heavenly Father.

Written by Kelli Woods



Study Guide 4 – “Laying on of Hands”

Scriptures: D&C Sec. 66:5a; 1 Corinthians 12:9

Hymn: #547 “When Peace Like a River”

The ordinance of ‘laying on of hands’ is used in several ways: for the receiving of the Holy Spirit after baptism, for the blessing of children, for the ordination or setting apart of priesthood, for patriarchal blessings, and for the healing of the sick. Inherent in each of these sacraments is the goodness and grace of God, who gives us life, sustains our beings, and grants us gifts. In the fellowship of the church, we are dependent on

each other, and the sacraments show that. The subject of this lesson will be on laying on of hands for the healing of the sick.

God cares for us! This is the testimony of the scriptures and faithful followers of Christ. Surely the God who is responsible for creating us will continue to have interest in our welfare. Those times of illness, crisis, or great stress are when persons most need the assurance of a personal loving God. There are times when tragedy and suffering make no sense to us at all. The gospel affirms that God cares and is suffering with us. Prayer is a normal personal way to reach out to God. In times of deep need, God also recognizes the importance of earthly friends to support and build one's faith, and that is why we pray for each other. Some of these friends are God's servants, and priesthood members in His church.

The early Christian Church, found instruction in James 5:13-16:

How do we prepare for the ordinance of laying on of hands, commonly known as administration? Faith is one of the keys to our relationship with God. The prayer of faith must be coupled with humility and repentance. So in preparation for the visit of the elders, it is helpful to spend some time reviewing your life. Where can you improve it? Are there things in your life that need eliminating? How can you increase your service, improve your understanding of God's ways? Recall your reasons for thanksgiving and thank God for them! Maybe you feel the need to 'make things right'. Talking with the elders of the church can help.

The room where administration takes place should be quiet and have no distractions, with a proper atmosphere of reverence. Ideally all involved will have prepared for this sacrament. One elder may administer when there is necessity, but it is considered better that there shall be two, or sometimes three. The visiting ministers will want you to feel free to discuss any personal concerns with them. One elder will anoint the participant's head with a drop of consecrated oil in the name of

the Lord Jesus Christ. At this time, the same elder will offer an anointing prayer. The oil is symbolic of the outpouring of God's love. Both elders will place their hands lightly upon the person's head, and the second elder will offer a confirmation prayer, presenting the person's needs to the Lord. This prayer is ordinarily a prayer for healing, but is always qualified by the reservation that the Lord's will shall be done. The elders will probably not stay long following the administration. It is best for the person to rest and meditate in the spirit of God which accompanies the sacrament.

In the Restored Church, God tells us more about this in the *Doctrine and Covenants, Section 42:12d-f and 13a*.

Saints often find great comfort and peace in being administered to. I, myself, certainly have. I was thankful to have this ordinance before surgeries and it eased my fears greatly. Likewise, it was such a blessing to know my loved ones had this available to them when they needed it so much. The first members of my family joined the church on a cold January day in 1833, in great part due to the healing of a child through the laying on of hands. The visiting minister taught them of the restoration of the gospel and of the book to come forth. The child who had been very ill for months asked for the laying on of hands and was healed by the power of God. Many were baptized as a result.

Study Questions:

1. When does a member request the laying on of hands?
2. Which priesthood offices may do administration?
3. Have you ever been administered to?
4. Have you been moved by another's testimony of administration?

Written by Patti Bowerman Jobe



Activity 4 – “Repentance and Laying on of Hands”

Repentance –

- Re-read the story of the prodigal son
- Share personal blessings that come with repentance

Laying on of hands –

- Outline your hand, and then list the 5 reasons for the laying on of hands. Or just list and talk about the reasons
- Share experiences that you have had of healing or blessings after having been administered to.

Written by Kelli Woods



Worship 5 – “Priesthood”

Alma 12:4,5 and D&C 95:2d

Hymn # 309 “God Send Us Men Whose Aim ‘Twill Be”

From my earliest memories, I have been taught that Priesthood is a sacred duty. That men are called of God to do His work. But it is not men alone that share in this. Mothers are called to raise their sons in the word of the Lord. Wives are called to share in the ministry of their husbands. Sisters, daughters and aunts are called to support their family members in their ministry.

My father was a Priest throughout my childhood. Though he was a Priest, he was sent by the church to different congregations to serve as a pastor. He had a gift for home ministry. We would go to a congregation that was struggling. When we started attending, there may have been twelve present on a Sunday morning and there were no Wednesday night services, because no one came. We were a family of eight-

Dad, Mom, four girls and two boys. Dad would work with the priesthood that were already there in that congregation and start by visiting those who at one time, were attending that congregation. He got them involved in things outside the church services, like visiting the Nursing Homes and having Chili Suppers and taking the youth to district youth activities. He didn't build a congregation; he built a church community. By the time he was asked to go to another congregation, there were 200+ attending every Sunday and at least 100 every Wednesday.

Many is the time I can remember that he would receive a call any hour of the day, from someone struggling with either an illness or spiritual question and needing ministry. Because he was a priest, he would take an elder with him, if the person was needing administration. My mother went with him to many of these visits, if no other priesthood was available. She would pray before they started the visit. When we siblings were old enough, we were asked to go, if Mom was working or sleeping. One of my brothers is now an Elder in a Restoration branch.

I was also blessed with two grandfathers who were ministers in the church. Both were Elders and they also taught me to support and respect the Priesthood in their offices. I can remember visiting them and watching and helping them in their preparation for a sermon or a class.

I always wanted to marry a priesthood member since the time I started thinking about it. The Lord blessed me by bringing Matthew into my life. Now I am able to help him with his responsibilities in his ministry. When asked, I am able to do research for him for preparations for either sermons or classes. Doing so has really brought home to me how much we as women can contribute to our husband's ministry.

Because of other responsibilities, at times I am unable to attend his sermons. But he understands that we have both been entrusted with our own duties in our ministry. One of the best blessings is being able to study together.

Even if you are not married; you can offer to help ministers in your congregation with assistance in research for sermons or just providing prayer assistance. Prayer assistance is a vital part of our ministry as women. There are many times that I have been asked to say prayers before administration when helping Matthew. Many times, we, as women have been asked by Pastors or other Priesthood members to pray for certain people or aspects of their ministry. We need to be mindful of these requests when we pray. Our prayerful support helps the church grow as a community.

Written by Ester Goodrich



Study Guide 5 - “Discernment of Spirits”

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

Hymn: #301 “Afar in Old Judea” verses 3 & 4

What is discernment? To me it means being able to look into someone deeply and see beyond their physical body, directly into their heart. Discernment of Spirits is the power to distinguish between good and evil. If you discern something, you can grasp and comprehend what, to others, may be obscure or hidden from their sight. We’re not talking here about having a weird feeling that someone is watching you, although you should practice being aware of your surroundings.

When cultivated, true discernment grows with wisdom. How do you cultivate discernment? Isn’t it a gift? Hebrews 5:14 tells us that if this gift isn’t given to you, you must constantly practice and study on this gift until it does grow and becomes natural to you. Read, study and obey! A professional athlete doesn’t usually go into a game without constant practice before. Some gifts come easy to some people. Others work hard to use discernment. A gymnast makes her routine look easy, but there were many hours of diligent work before it

comes ‘naturally’. What is involved in discernment? 1 John 4:1-3 tells us to test the spirits so you can deeply know if they are of God.

Do you pray for those in political office? I may not have voted someone into office, but I still pray earnestly for them. The politician’s story in 1 Kings 3:9 is a great example of discernment. It also reminds me why I should pray for them, just in case they don’t pray for themselves. I’m beginning to believe that not all politicians pray daily for guidance!

Where do I begin to learn about discernment? An old familiar friend of mine is James 1:5. This verse can help us know where to start. Why should I struggle to discern spirits? 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 helps us understand that we can see through the disguises of others with evil spirits. It’s very important to all of God’s children that we are able to discern evil or worldly spirits. John 7:24 reminds us not to judge or look on the outside. Things are not always as they seem to be.

When we honestly seek for wisdom, we learn to fear the Lord. Biblically speaking to fear the Lord, such as Proverbs 2:1-5 means to be in reverence and in obedience to the Lord. It does not necessarily mean to be afraid.

Why would we want to use the gift of discernment? Without it, we could run into trouble, such as in:

Matthew 10:16 and 24:5-6,9,23

Study Questions:

1. What does Discernment mean to you?
2. Have you ever heard a testimony of someone with the gift of Discernment? If so, share it with the group.
3. What if I can’t discern spirits? Does that mean I’m not a Christian?

Written by: Coral Rogers



Activity 5 - “Priesthood and Discernment of Spirits”

1. How many Remnant Priesthood members alive and active today can you name?
2. Can you name the office each Priesthood member holds?
3. Ask several Priesthood members until you find one who has a testimony or has heard a testimony of the discernment of spirits.
4. Beginning now, increase your daily scripture reading by 1 verse. If you are not currently reading any scriptures, begin by reading at least 1 verse daily. If you read 10 verses, begin reading 11. If you read a chapter daily, read that chapter plus 1 verse. By the end of this book, will you cultivate and be able to use the Discernment of Spirits?

Written by Coral Rogers



Worship 6 – “Knowledge”

Proverbs 18:15 “The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wiseth seeketh knowledge.”

Hymn #410 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

Hymn #565 “We have been warned”

The word ‘knowledge’ is in the scriptures around 1007 times in 239 verses. But what does knowledge mean? Miriam-Webster defines knowledge as the gaining and applying of information. Loosely defined. Knowledge. It’s how we filter the world. The key, though, is wisdom. Do you have the wisdom to put your knowledge to use?

What do you do with the knowledge that you have gained through the world? Do you use it in combination with the teachings of the Bible to draw closer to God? Or do you use it to show the world how great you are? How much you know and can recite from the Scriptures? Do you share your

knowledge of the Scriptures to exalt God or His creation?

We are told in all three books to seek God. Let's put it another way. Are we looking for knowledge of the Lord, or are we looking for a relationship with the Lord? Having information about God and Jesus is great, but what do we do with this information/knowledge?

Let's take that a step further. In our daily walk with the Lord, do you ask yourself, is the knowledge that we have gained worthy of the Lord? What does it benefit God and us? Do we use our knowledge and apply it in our life to further the building of the Kingdom of God? Or do we use our knowledge to benefit ourselves? Is it for our glory or His Glory?

We have been told to seek out knowledge. But what kind of knowledge should we seek out? Having a base understanding of many things is wonderful and great but do we have the wisdom to differentiate what is good knowledge to keep and what we should discard as harmful to us and others? Having all the knowledge in the world will do us no good if Satan corrupts that knowledge base.

Proverbs 18:15 specifically speaks to looking for knowledge.

In my own life I constantly ask myself, is the information I have gathered excellent knowledge to have? The 'useless' information that clutters out minds, like sports statistics, popular music lyrics or celebrity gossip and backgrounds. What will I do with this information when I stand before the throne of God? Will I be wowing him with my ability to recite random facts about popular people on Earth? Or will I stand before his throne and recount the knowledge I gathered and how I had used it to further the building up of his kingdom?

Written by Anne Sisk



Study Guide 6 – “Wisdom”

There is a story in the Bible that speaks of Solomon, a young man who, after God offered him anything his heart desired, he requested wisdom. (Read: *1 Kings 3:9-15*) Solomon’s righteous request pleased the Lord so much that the Lord blessed Solomon above and beyond what he had asked. It is important to remember that God will bless us abundantly when we follow his commandments and are aligned with His good works.

Later, in The New Testament, we read *James 1:5-6*.

And then in *Colossians 3:16* we are reminded of the importance of reading God’s Word daily so we can uphold our brothers and sisters using wisdom: As you may have noticed, as wisdom is imparted, a common theme is that praise goes hand in hand: (*Psalms 111:10*) We see this again in *Daniel 2:23*:

Through these Scriptures and more, we know that we can ask anything of God and He will give us the answers that we seek. (*Matthew 7:12-13*)

This message is repeated in *Luke 11:10-15*. Emphasis could be placed on the persistence that we should have when seeking the Lord and to have faith that He will effectively answer our prayers. God loves us, hears us, and will provide what we need spiritually as well as physically. Because we are human, we are limited. However, with God and His provisions, we can exceed our human limitations. (*Mark 9:20*) and in *Matthew 17:20*.

Even though God gives me wisdom, I often struggle to exercise good judgment. For example, sometimes I speak when that still small voice is telling me to remain silent. And, when I go against that admonishment, I usually regret it--okay, I always regret it. Battling human nature, I’m sure, must be a challenge for all of us. Even after discerning God’s Spirit, we still have the agency to choose what it is we will do. And, I believe, like

anything else, that making righteous choices takes practice and discipline. Before long, those practices become habit and then, hopefully, second nature. Read *II Nephi 1:117-120* and *D&C Section 37:2b*

Study Questions:

1. Are there specific examples you can think of when you lacked wisdom and needed God's help but instead leaned on your own understanding or the understanding of others? Share.
2. Is there a time you felt you have diligently sought God's will and discernment and did not get an answer right away? Did you get an answer at a later time? If, yes, explain. If not, did you ask with persistence?
3. What can you share with others to help them rely on God's wisdom and to stay steadfast when there are temptations to go against what we know to be wise?
4. How can we give thanks and praise to God when he blesses us with wisdom and other gifts above and beyond what we have requested?
5. Are you on fire for Christ? If not, how can you rekindle that passion so that you exude an infectious enthusiasm?

Written by Theresa Faulk



Activities 6 - “Knowledge and Wisdom”

Webster's dictionary defines knowledge as “the fact or condition of being aware of something.” It also defines wisdom as the “ability to discern inner qualities and relationships.” In Scripture we are told that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”

As a group, discuss different life situations when you've had knowledge but not wisdom; then later in life realized the difference. (Only share if you feel comfortable).

For example:

- Who you dated before you married.
- Situations you may have handled differently with friends or relatives.
- How you handled raising your children and maybe things you've learned since gaining more knowledge.
- Advice you may have given to a friend that would be different now since your faith has matured and you have gained more wisdom.
- How you personally react to stressful situations now compared to earlier in your walk with Christ.

Written by Erin Gates



Worship 7 – “Healing”

Scripture: *James 5:14-16*

Hymn: #266 “*O God, Whose Will Is Life and Good*”

As members of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, we are blessed to know that the ordinance of Administration is available to those in need of healing, whether it be physical or spiritual. In addition to requesting Administration, we must have faith that the healing will take place, whether immediately or at a later time.

The Inspired Version of the Holy Scriptures relates some of the accounts of Christ’s healing ministry while on earth. In *Matthew 8:5-13*, we read about the centurion whose faith was so great that Christ healed his servant by simply stating “Go thy way, and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.” The centurion’s servant was healed within the hour. *Mark 5:21-26* recounts the story of the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years, and was healed when she touched the hem of Jesus’ garment. After Jesus felt virtue leave Him, He asked who had touched Him. The woman came forward to confess what she had done and why. Jesus then lovingly spoke to her saying, “Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague.” These are just two examples of people who received Christ’s healing ministry.

Even though Christ is not presently on the earth with us, we can receive healing from Him by requesting Administration and having faith that we will receive that healing. Our family has experienced healing through Administration numerous times. Alex once had a very high fever, and I gave him Ibuprofen then immediately called Apostle Roger Tracy to request administration. Alex’s fever had already broken when Roger arrived at our house in less than fifteen minutes. Ibuprofen doesn’t work that quickly, and we know the healing came from our Heavenly Father. Roger told us that he believes

healing and blessings begin when the person decides to request administration, and our family agrees.

I experienced a rough pregnancy with Parker, and my doctor was preparing to take Parker by C-section three weeks before his due date. She told me that keeping Parker in the womb for one more week would be ideal, but admitted me to the hospital and expected to perform surgery the next morning. Roger administered to me that evening, and was directed by the Holy Spirit to say to me, “According to your faith, it shall be done unto you.” When the doctor arrived the next morning to check on Parker and me, she was stunned that my condition had improved. She sent me home for one more week of bed rest. Parker was born via C-section one week later and was in NICU for nine days. The additional week in the womb was critical for his lung development. Our family is so grateful for the blessings and healings we have received from our Heavenly Father!

James 5:14-16 provides instructions for the sick and afflicted. Further, in *Hebrews 11:1* we find the definition of faith. *Hebrews 11:6* stresses how important faith is to our Heavenly Father.

3 Nephi 8:6-9 shares the words of Christ to the Nephites regarding the correlation between faith and healing:

D&C Section 46:7c-d speaks of the spiritual gifts for mankind. Our loving Heavenly Father desires to bless and heal us, but we must be willing to follow the instructions provided in His Holy Scriptures to receive these blessings and healings.

Written by Cynthia Tibbitts



Study Guide 7 - “Faith”

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1

Hymn: #379 “Where Wilt Thou Put Thy Trust?”

“Faith being the first principle in revealed religion, and the foundation of all righteousness” is the opening line of *Lectures on Faith* compiled by Joseph Smith, Jr., Oliver Cowdery, Sidney Rigdon and F.G Williams. The early priesthood were taught this tenet from the beginning. Looking to the opening scripture, we see that “faith is the assurance which men have of the existence of things which they have not seen, and the principle of action in all intelligent beings.” (*LF 1:9*) Human beings who ponder may “readily discover that it is faith, and faith only, which is the moving cause of all action in them. Without it both mind and body would be in a state of inactivity, and all their exertions would cease, both physical and mental.” (*LF 1:10*)

When one considers what he wants in life, those things for which he hopes—those things not seen—one is dependent on faith to bring him to act in order to obtain that which he wants. Whatever it is one wants, he must exert himself in the belief that he may obtain it—that is faith.

“In a word, is there anything that you would have done, either physical or mental, if you had not previously believed? Are not all your exertions of every kind dependent on your faith? “ (*LF 11e*)

“As we receive by faith all temporal blessings that we do receive, so we in like manner, receive by faith all spiritual blessings that we do receive.” (*LF 1:13a*) *Hebrews 11:3* states “*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*” Faith is the principle power existing in the Deity by which the worlds were made. “Had it not been for the principle of faith, the worlds would never have

been framed, neither would man have been formed of the dust.” (LF 1:16a)

“Who cannot see that if God framed the worlds by faith, that it is by faith that he exercises power over them, and that faith is the principle power? And that if the principle of power, it must be so in man as well as in the Deity?” (LF 1:17a, b)

Matthew 17:19-20 explains that lack of faith was the reason the disciples could not cast out the devil. Likewise, the Book of Mormon speaks of the faith of Alma and Amulek causing the walls of the prison to fall, the faith of Nephi and Lehi causing the hearts of the Lamanites to change, and the Brother of Jared speaking in the name of the Lord to remove the mountain Zerin. *Hebrews 11* tells of several people who used their faith for various spiritual purposes.

“Faith then, is the first great governing principle which has power, dominion and authority over all things: by it they exist, by it they are upheld, by it they are changed, or by it they remain, agreeable to the will of God. Without it, there is no power and without power there could be no creation, nor existence.” (LF 1:24 a,b)

As we learn what faith is, one wonders on what should this faith rest? The only logical answer is God, the creator of all. From Genesis we learn that Adam knew God, walked and talked with Him and was taught faith by which he, Adam, taught the generations of men who followed him. Though man sinned, he was not deprived of his previous knowledge; Adam retained the knowledge of God’s existence and taught it to others. Throughout Genesis we are given evidence that man’s faith in God continued through the testimony of fathers to their sons.

Have you wondered how someone who has never heard of God learns about faith? *Romans 10:14* states, “*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*”

“ . . . faith comes by hearing the word of God. . . . three things are necessary in order that any rational and intelligent being may exercise faith in God. . . .” (*LF3:1e-2*)

1. The idea that God actually exists.
2. A correct idea of His character, perfections and attributes.
3. An actual knowledge that the course of life which He is pursuing is according to His will.

It is from the revelations God made of himself, that we know Him, His character and all His dealings with His creation. It is through these revelations that we see the reason to have faith in Him.

Stop to read *Job 11:7-9* and *Corinthians. 2:9-11* to see that just searching is not the way to truly learn of God. Then read additional readings to learn more: *Exodus 34:6; Psalms 103:6-8, 17-18, 90:2; Hebrews. 1:10-12; James 1:17; Malachi. 3:6; D&C 2:1, 34:1; Num. 23:19; 1 John 4:8; Acts 10:34-35.*

“ . . . the real design which the God of heaven had in view in making the human family acquainted with His attributes, was that they through the ideas of the existence of his attributes, might be enabled to exercise faith in him and through the exercise of faith in him might obtain eternal life.” (*LF 4:2a*)

Through faith in God, we learn the following:

- His knowledge teaches us all things necessary for our salvation.
- His power delivers us from the power of our enemies.
- His justice will deal with us in righteousness and equity and that reward will be granted for our afflictions and suffering for the truth’s sake.
- His judgment gives confidence that His saints will obtain a perfect deliverance out of the hands of all their enemies.
- His mercy will be exercised toward us.
- His truth leads our minds to rejoice in trials and temptations in hope.

In speaking of God's attributes, "They are unchangeable—being the same yesterday, today and forever...The foundation therefore, for the exercise of faith was, is and ever will be the same. So that all men have had, and will have an equal privilege." (*LF 4:19b-e*)

The greater knowledge we have of God, the greater our ability to have faith in him. "This knowledge supplies an important place in revealed religion: . . . An actual knowledge to an person that the course of life which he pursues is according to the will of God, is essentially necessary to enable him to have that confidence in God, without which no person can obtain eternal life." (*LF 4:2a, b*)

"...unless they [saints of God] have an actual knowledge that the course that they are pursuing is according to the will of God, they will grow weary in their minds and faint. (*LF 4:4a*)

The knowledge of God allows us to know that the holy sacrifices we make in this life because of the faith we have in God are accepted in God's sight. "And in the last days, before the Lord comes, he is to gather together his saints who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice." (*LF 6:9c*)

Psalm 50:3-5 bears this out.

Let us never forget, "no world has yet been framed that was not framed by faith; neither has there been an intelligent being on any of God's creations who did not get there by reason of faith, as it existed in himself or in some other being; . . .for it is by faith that the Deity works."(*LF 7:2d-h*)

"...what are we to understand by a man's working by faith? We answer, we understand that when a man works by faith he works by mental exertion instead of physical force. It is by words instead of exerting his physical powers, with which every being works when he works by faith." (*LF 7:3a-c*) What may be done by faith? Look into the following scriptures to list what may be done: *Genesis. 1:3; Matthew 17:20; Luke 17:6.* "Faith then works by words, and with these its mightiest works have been, and will be, performed." (*LF 7:3g*)

Remember *Hebrews 11:6*: “*without faith it is impossible to please him[God]*” If it should be asked why is it impossible to please God without faith? The answer would be because without faith it is impossible for men to be saved; and as God desires the salvation of men, he must of course, desire that they should have faith, and he could not be pleased unless they had, or else he could be pleased with their destruction.” (*LF 7: a-c*)

This is a small part of *Lectures on Faith*; perhaps it has whetted your interest enough that you will study the whole book to learn what God gave to Prophet Joseph Smith and others to teach us what He wants us to know about faith. “It was a system of faith—it begins with faith, and continues by faith; and every blessing which is obtained in relation to it, is the effect of faith, whether it pertains to this life or that which is to come. (*LF 7:17h*)

Study Questions – List scriptural references for all answers

1. What is faith and how do we get faith?
2. Where may I find results of faith in the Holy Scriptures?
3. By what means did God become the object of faith?
4. Who were the men who were taught about faith by Adam?
5. How may one first learn of faith?
6. What is needed to exercise faith in God?
7. How do we find out about God?
8. What did you learn about God from reading the suggested scriptures?
9. Why is it important to have correct ideas about God to exercise faith in him?
10. What is the ultimate goal of exercising faith in God?
11. List scriptures which show how faith works.

Written by Pat Whiteman



Activity 7 – “Healing and Faith”

When we flip the light switch, we have faith that the light will come on. List examples of other things you do, having faith that you’ll receive the desired result.

Written by Cynthia Tibbitts

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## Worship 8 – “Tongues”

**Scripture:** Mark 16:16-17

**Hymn #214** “Descend, O Holy Spirit”

The Gifts of the Spirit are as follows: Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Hope, Charity, Healing, Miracles, Discernment of Spirits, and Tongues (of men and angels). I was baptized into the Heritage Church in 1957, and am sorry to say I have not witnessed Tongues or the Interpretation of Tongues all these years. I have experienced all the other gifts since I have been a church member. I testify that even though I have not heard Tongues personally, I do believe it is an important part of the Gifts of the Spirit. I think that just believing has helped me to move in the perfection of Wisdom and Knowledge in my life. We cannot be teachers of God’s Word if we do not know the Word and believe it and live it. *2 Timothy 2:15* reminds us of this. We all can at this point of our spiritual lives, declare the knowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. These Gifts of the Spirit help us daily to grow our belief. *Psalms 46:10* restates this so clearly.

A few months ago our Tuesday morning 10:00 Women’s Prayer and Study Class used Brother Leo Gussman’s book, “Living by the Promises of God” to help us grow spiritually. I highly recommend the reading of this good book.. I have learned from this book, “Living by the Promises of God” that a most precious blessing one can even imagine is when one trains herself to PRAY continually without ceasing.

We are called to be holy, and through spiritual eyes we are able to see on a higher spiritual level. We may be able to behold heavenly beings only through our spiritual eyes and the veil will be completely removed and we will see and hear clearly.

The purpose for speaking in tongues is to instruct us, improve our religious knowledge and build us up spiritually, as well as to praise God (*Acts 10:46*). Tongues are a spiritual language given to us by God to communicate directly with Him. (*1 Corinthians 14:2*) The language used when speaking in tongues is a very real language, and as with any language, you have to use it in order to increase your fluency and vocabulary. If we haven't heard speaking in tongues lately, we might wonder why God has withheld this gift from us. If we no longer feel close to Him, who moved? God or us?

Our church is unique in the fact that we only recognize speaking in unknown tongues as spiritual when they are accompanied by the interpretation of what was just said. Otherwise, what was just spoken makes no sense and can be confusing to those listening. God is never confusing.

Paul wrote in *1 Corinthians. 13:8-10* that when that which is perfect comes, tongues will cease. That is a reference to the Second Coming of Christ. The Bible teaches that no one is perfect except Jesus. When Christ returns, we will not need to speak in tongues to communicate with God because we will be with Him. But until then, the gift of tongues is available to those who believe.

As we strive for perfection, we learn to express a level of praise, love and gratitude to God as never before, as Nephi tells us in *2 Nephi 13:29*. A wonderful and beautiful scripture in *1 Peter 2:9* describes what we can become. My last scripture, but not least, comes from *Psalms 34:1*. May God continue to bless His church and His holy people.

Written by BJ Thompson



## Study Guide 8 - “Interpretation of Tongues”

**Scripture:** Moroni 10:6-13.

The gift of interpretation of tongues goes hand in hand with the gift of tongues. However, our Scriptures really do not give us a definition or tell us a specific function or purpose. Therefore we are left to acquaint ourselves with the examples given and the small amount of advice contained in the few examples we have from our Scriptures and our Restoration heritage.

We have examples of three types of interpretations:

First: Reading through “Infallible Proofs” by Alvin Knisley, several examples can be found where the gift of tongues was given followed by the interpretation given by either the same person or another person.

Second: *Acts 2:1-8* “ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it rested upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?” In this example, each listener heard the gift of tongues in their own language. A second spiritual gift of interpretation was not needed. F. Henry Edwards, in his book “Fundamentals”, page 248, shares a quote from the “Millennial Star”, Vol. 15, page 182: “The first president of the church explained long ago that the gift of tongues was particularly instituted for preaching the gospel to

people of other nations, and is not given for the government of the church.”

Third: Maurice Draper, in his book, *The Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit*, explains our third example this way: “An unusual variation is found in the case of the translation of the Book of Mormon, in which Joseph Smith reported that the gift of divine power made it possible for him to understand concepts written in a language which he did not know. This was an unusual and special case of the gift of interpretation. In this instance the message was written in a language familiar to the original authors, but unfamiliar to the translator.”

It seems that in most, if not all, of the instances I read regarding the gifts of tongues and interpretation of tongues, these gifts were given during times when the people were at a heightened level of spiritual awareness. Much study, prayer, and preparation preceded these events, truly making them a gift. These experiences also have the benefit of providing a stronger confirmation of their faith and can increase their understanding of spiritual matters.

We must also accept the admonition from Paul in *I Corinthians 14: 9,13,28*

Without interpretation, the gift of tongues becomes very suspect, causing confusion and disagreement as to its meaning.

Maurice Draper, “*The Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit*”, page 102, says that both the apostle Paul and Joseph Smith, Jr., warned us to use the gifts of tongues and interpretation of tongues carefully and frugally lest they seem ostentatious. Humility and discretion should always be used, and the interpretation should always be present.

*Genesis, chapter 11*, recounts the story at the Tower of Babel where the Lord confounded the language of the wicked people so they would not understand one another’s speech. Perhaps the Lord has provided tongues and interpretation of tongues to help us overcome this punishment of long ago.

Paul tells us tongues and interpretation of tongues are gifts of the Spirit. As with all gifts, we should accept these gifts with thanksgiving and humility. God has purpose in everything he does. When he chooses to share His gifts with us, we have a responsibility to use those gifts to benefit His purposes. Only with humility, study, prayer, and obedience to His commandments can we accomplish this task and privilege.

### **Study Questions**

1. Discuss why the gift of Tongues should always have an interpretation.
2. Is there any instance where this would not be necessary?
3. Is it important who gives the interpretation?
4. Have you ever heard the gifts of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues? If so, what kind of preparation was made by the individuals presenting the gifts? By the people receiving the gifts?

Written by Kay Van Fleet



## **Activity 8 – “Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues”**

1. Leader of the group gets a foreign film (local library). Play part of the movie for the group with the subtitles off. Have each lady write down what she thinks is being said. Once every lady has a guess, replay that part of the movie with the subtitles on. See who was closest on their guesses. **OR**

2. Leader of the group gets a CD of foreign music (local library). If the CD doesn't have English translations, ask the Library to help get some. Play a song to the group. Have each lady write down what she believes is being sung. When each lady has a guess, the leader reads the translation. See who was closest on her guess. **OR**

3. If the leader knows someone that speaks another language, ask him/her to come to the group. Have him/her speak to the ladies in the other language. Have the ladies guess what he/she is saying. Then the leader asks the speaker to share the correct translation.

Written by Angela Collins



## **Worship 9 – “Baptism by Water”**

Scripture: 2 Nephi 6:48, Gen 6:67, Mark 16:15

Song: #242 “A Ruler Once Came to Jesus”

The Remnant Church believes that the age of accountability is eight years old; that at age eight, a child can distinguish between right and wrong; and know the difference. The Church also believes that baptism by water means a person must be completely submerged in the water.

When my daughter, Danielle, was about to turn eight, she announced she wanted to be baptized and confirmed on her eighth birthday. Danielle knew who she wanted to baptize her

and who she wanted to confirm her. Arrangements were made for this to be done. Leland and Darlene were coming down from Independence, as were some of our other friends. Blackgum branch does not have a baptismal font. Baptisms are done in Lake Tenkiller.

Danielle's birthday fell on a Sunday in February. As we were getting ready for church that morning, it was sleeting and spitting snow. After church we gathered at the lake's edge. The weather was still spitting snow and it was bitter cold. Danielle was being baptized by her father, Elder Eric Collins. After walking into that cold water, she hopped from foot to foot as our presiding Elder said a few words. Then she was taken completely under water and baptized. When Danielle came up out of the water, Eric picked her up and carried her to shore, her teeth were chattering. Once she was at the shore she was wrapped in blankets and rushed to a warm vehicle. Later that afternoon, she was confirmed at the Blackgum Church by Elders Eric Collins, Leland Collins, Dwayne Davis and Priest Bruce Terry.

After being in that cold water and in that cold weather, Danielle did not get ill, not even a runny nose! Eric did not get ill either. When one follows the Lord and His ways, the Lord will take care of him or her! Praise the Lord!

Written by Angela Collins



## Study Guide 9 – “Baptism by Fire”

**Scripture:** Luke 3:23; Ether 5:15

**Hymn #218** “When Holy Ghost Shall Come in Power”

The Baptism by Fire is the second part of the baptismal ordinance. When the Elders lay their hands upon the candidate who has already been baptized by water, they then confirm the gift of the Holy Ghost upon them. This gift of the Holy Ghost cleanses the soul by fire and joins us with the family of God. By following God’s commandment to repent, have faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and submit to baptism, we make a covenant with God and in so doing become sons and daughters of God. This is explained in *II Nephi 13:26*. The Holy Ghost is given to guide us in our lives. As we study, fast and pray we nurture the gift of the Holy Ghost and allow it to grow within us and become a stronger influence. Also in *II Nephi 14:6* this is what happens if we allow the Holy Ghost to enter.

Many of us have witnessed the second baptismal ordinance of confirmation. Many have gone through it themselves. When I was confirmed, I was only 8 years old. I don’t remember having an experience with the Holy Ghost at that time, but I have had many experiences since then. I have learned in my studies, that the Lord only gives us, what He knows we are ready to receive. I had my first experience with the Holy Ghost when I was 14. I was at a church camp and we had just had a dedication service. I asked for administration because of an issue with my eyes. I did not receive a healing, but I did receive counsel. The Lord told me He was pleased with my desire to serve Him, and that I in time, would serve as a handmaiden unto Him.

It wasn’t until I was a mother that I had my conversion experience. I was experiencing postpartum depression and had been contemplating suicide. The thought of my oldest daughter coming home from school and finding me dead, stopped me. My two younger daughters, were taking a nap, when I went to my back room and fell to my knees. I cried

unto the Lord, “Are you there, Lord? I feel so alone.” I heard an audible voice answer. “I am always with you.” I experienced the ‘burning of the bosom’ and felt the love of the Lord fill my whole frame. I then asked, “Is the Book of Mormon, true?” The answer came, “These words are my words.” The last question I asked was, “Are we going to the right church?” The answer came, “These people are my people.” I praised and thanked the Lord with all that I had in me. At the time, we were going to a Restoration branch. Since that time, our family has been led to every congregation that we have attended.

I can attest that the Holy Ghost has been leading my family throughout the years. We have attended many congregations and have been blessed by the leadership and counsel of many in the priesthood. My husband had a very profound experience when the “Proclamation and Invitation to the Saints” came forth from the counsel of the High Priests. When my husband was telling me of his experience, I again felt the ‘burning of the bosom’ and knew that this document, was given by the inspiration of God.

We taught our girls the principles of the gospel and each of them was baptized and confirmed by their own choice, after the age of accountability. My youngest daughter brought her husband, his mother and one of his brothers into the fold. They had cottage meetings to learn of the gospel and having made their choice, were baptized. We have also had the privilege of seeing four of our grandchildren baptized and confirmed.

This gift of the Holy Ghost, given at the time of confirmation, leads, confirms, teaches, and comforts as needed. If we study, fast and pray in faith, it will lead us unto all truth, as the Lord has promised. God longs for the time that we will be ready for Him to send His Son, even Jesus Christ. We, as the Lord’s chosen people, must continue to pray, study and fast and use the leading of the Holy Ghost to change our lives so we can prepare and serve the Lord in meekness, patience and humility. *Alma 10:28-29* has wise advise and encouragement for us.

### Study Questions

1. What is the Holy Ghost? *II Nephi 13:26, II Nephi 14:6, Moroni 10:5* \_\_\_\_\_
  2. How can we recognize the workings of the Holy Ghost? *D&C Section 9:3c*
  3. Can you list some of the examples in the scriptures of experiences with the gift and power of the Holy Ghost?
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4. The Holy Ghost in the Scriptures, is sometimes referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_? *John 14:16, 26 & Moroni 9:29*
  5. What can be some of the results of the Holy Ghost working within us? *Alma 10:28-29*

Final statement for the lesson: The Holy Ghost takes us from where we are and works with us, inspiring us to create changes within us, that we may become cleansed and purified to be able to stand in the presence of God, and be like Jesus Christ. As the scripture tells us, “For we shall see Him, because we shall be like Him.”

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## Activity 9 – “Baptism by Water and Spirit”

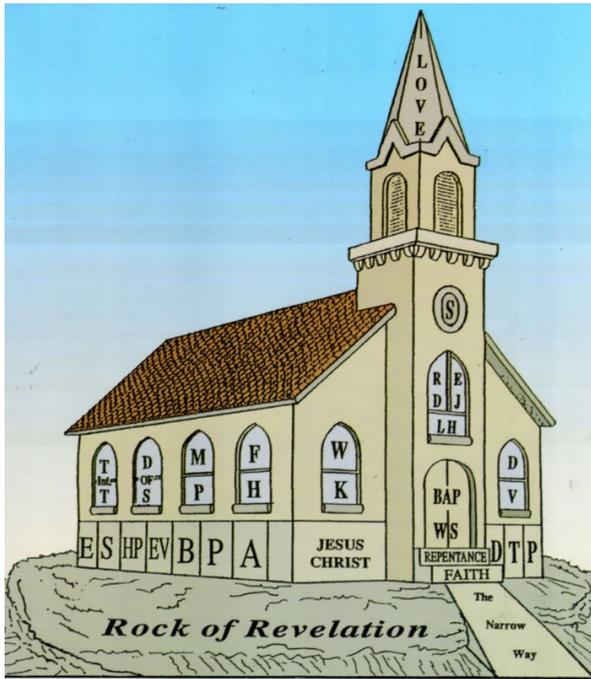
WATER: Leader of the group gets Magic Grow Capsules at Dollar Tree or Order for Amazon (See information below\*). Leader explains as we go into the waters of baptism, we enter as one creature and come out as another. Follow directions and place the capsule into water and watch as it changes and becomes something new. Discuss what happens.

SPIRIT: (Leland Collins used to say that when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, it felt like warm honey being poured over him.) The leader of the ladies group warms in the microwave honey or syrup. The temp should be warm to the touch NOT hot. Ask each lady to close their eyes as the leader drizzles some on top of her hand. Ask her to experience what it might feel like to have the warmth of the Lord’s Spirit upon them.

\*Amazon has the following that can be purchased if can’t find at Dollar Tree.

Gosa Toys Magic Grow Capsules Creatures (72 caps) \$6.00  
+S/H. (Had the best reviews)

Ja-Ru Magic Grow Capsules (12 caps) \$3.99+S/H. ( Okay reviews)



### The Church That Christ Built

Jesus said, "I will build my Church" (Matthew 16:19).

Did you study all the different parts of Christ's church?

- Foundation=Rock of Revelation (God's Word)
- Base=Melchisedec Priesthood (Elders, Seventies, High Priests, Evangelists, Bishops, Prophet)
- Apostles
- Cornerstone=Jesus Christ
- Steps=Repentance, Faith
- Base=Aaronic Priesthood (Teachers, Deacons, Priests)
- Doors=Baptism by Water & Baptism by Spirit
- Windows (Tongues & Interpretation of Tongues; Discernment of Spirits; Miracles & Prophecy; Faith & Healing; Wisdom & Knowledge; Dreams & Visions)
- Over Door=Resurrection of the Dead, Eternal judgment, Laying on of Hands
- Portal=Stewardship
- Steeple=Love



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