

Come, Follow Me: for Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society Caribbean Area

This document is a complement to the presentation. It will serve as a reminder or to add additional information to that which is presented in each slide.

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Presentation for Come, Follow Me for Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society Caribbean Area

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The new curriculum brings exciting changes to our Sunday meetings, which are based on **Teaching in the Savior's Way**.

"One challenge with the new curriculum is getting people not to teach "the old way", We've got to stop simply disseminating information, get out of the way, and let the Spirit teach". Bishop Boyd Roberts, USA. (**Group analysis**).

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See instructional video

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Analyze the video in class. **Why do we have this new curriculum?**

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Purposes of "Come, Follow Me"

To learn together the teachings of the leaders of the Church on God's work, and to organize oneself to bring them about.

To improve the lives of the members, as we counsel together and plan in order to bring about this work within our family, our ward and community.

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Model for our meetings. In each Melchizedek Priesthood and Relief Society meeting, we follow a model to bring about God's work.

1. **Sharing experiences** that come from impressions and invitations received in previous priesthood or Relief Society meetings (a member of the presidency or group leader leads).
2. **Counseling or learning together** (first Sunday, a member of the presidency or group leader leads. Second, third and fourth Sundays, a teacher who has been called leads).
3. **Planning to act** in a group or individually (a member of the presidency or group leader leads).

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Monthly Calendar

Week	Purpose
First Sunday	To counsel together on local responsibilities, opportunities and challenges and make plans to act
Second and third Sunday	To study the messages of the last General Conference, chosen by the presidency, group leaders or, sometimes, by the bishop or stake president
Fourth Sunday	To analyze a special topic chosen by the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
Fifth Sunday	To discuss a topic chosen by the bishopric

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"8 And now, behold, I give unto you a commandment, that when ye are assembled together ye shall instruct and edify each other, that ye may know how to act and direct my church, how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given.

9 And thus ye shall become instructed in the law of my church, and be sanctified by that which ye have received, and ye shall bind yourselves to act in all holiness before me."

Doctrine and Covenants 43: 8-9

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First Sunday, council meeting

- On the first Sunday of each month, you will not have a lesson nor a teacher.

- There will be a council meeting led by the presidency or group leaders.
- Members will instruct and edify each other.

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What is a council meeting? (analyze the question with class attendees).

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First Sunday, council meeting

What benefits will come counseling together on matters that are relevant to our members?

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First Sunday, council meeting

How can a council lead us to greater action? (To get ideas on the work that the Lord has for us, see Handbook 2: 7.1, 7.8.1, 9.1.1, 9.4.1.)

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First Sunday, Five guidelines for council meetings:

1. All class members attend the council meeting.
2. No one should feel pressured to speak or participate.
3. Everyone should feel safe in sharing ideas or making comments without fear of being criticized.
4. The analysis should not touch on confidential or sensitive issues, but it should be appropriate for all members of the quorum or the Relief Society.
5. The analysis should focus on satisfying real needs and should be centered on the true doctrine of the Scriptures and the words of latter-day prophets.

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Second and Third Sundays, messages from Conference.

- We study the teachings of the living prophets, the apostles and other leaders of the Church.
- Any message from the most recent General Conference can be analyzed.
- The Spirit must be followed when selecting the messages that will help meet the needs of your members.

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In the May and November Liahona of each year we will find learning activities that are based on the principles of **Teaching in the Savior's Way**. These should increase the interest of members in learning from the messages of General Conference.

IMPORTANT: Each family should have a subscription to the Liahona in order to have this material available.

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Fourth Sunday, Priority Topics

- A topic selected by the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles will be analyzed, which will be available in the May and November Liahona of each year
- These topics will be updated each General Conference
- The topic to be discussed until next General Conference will be the Sabbath.

Leaders or teachers can choose from the doctrines and learning activities suggested in the May and November Liahona of each year, combine several or create their own, according to the needs of the members.

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Material

Where do I get the material with suggestions for the new "Come, Follow Me" curriculum?

- The May and November Liahona of each year
- On the area's website: **caribe.lds.org** and **ComeFollowMe.lds.org**
- In the Gospel Library app,
on the *May and November Liahona* section of each year

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The goal of each Gospel teacher – each parent, each officially called teacher, each home teacher and visiting teacher, and each follower of Christ – is to teach the pure doctrine of the Gospel, through the Spirit, in order to help the children of God build their faith in the Savior and become more like Him.

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