

# Priesthood Education Framework

## ***Foundational Spiritual Preparation Topics***

1. Hearing God's Voice
2. Lifting Burdens
3. Ministry of Intercession

## ***Restoration Gospel Basics/Fundamentals***

1. Basic Doctrines of the Church
  - The Epitome of Faith
  - The Godhead
  - The Plan of Salvation
  - The Church
  - Eschatology
  - Revelation
  - The Doctrine of Temporalities
2. The Restored Gospel
  - Restoration Distinctives
  - Fulness of the Gospel

## ***Priesthood – Purpose, Authority, Accountability, Offices and Functions***

1. The Purpose and Nature of Priesthood
2. Priesthood authority with power
3. Magnifying our calling and priesthood accountability (Priesthood standards, ethics, and conduct)
4. Two priesthoods and Priesthood Offices
  - Two Orders of Priesthood – Melchisedec and Aaronic
  - Ministry of the deacon
  - Ministry of the teacher
  - Ministry of the priest
  - Ministry of the elder
  - Ministry of other offices – Seventy, High Priest, Bishop, and Patriarch
5. Priesthood functions
  - Preaching
  - Priesthood leadership roles (i.e.- Presiding Elder)

## ***Ordinances and Sacraments***

1. Overview of Ordinances and Sacraments
2. Baptism by Water
3. Baptism by Fire and the Holy Ghost
4. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
5. Priesthood Ordination
6. Blessing of Infants and Young Children
7. Administration to the Sick
8. Sacrament of Marriage
9. Patriarchal Blessings

## ***Pastoral Ministry***

1. Visiting (homes, hospitals)
2. Feeding the Sheep
3. Special Services (Funerals, Weddings)

## ***Evangelism***

1. Overview of Evangelism
2. Witnessing to our Catholic Friends
3. Witnessing to our Protestant Friends
  - Mainline Protestant Church
  - Lutherans
  - Presbyterians
  - Methodists
4. Witnessing to our LDS Friends
5. Witnessing to our Hindu Friends
6. Witnessing to our Buddhist Friends
7. Witnessing to our Muslim Friends
8. Witnessing to our Jewish Friends
9. Witnessing in our Postmodern World
10. Witnessing to those with Questions & Doubts

## ***Counseling***

1. Marriage
2. Abuse and neglect (physical, emotional, sexual)
3. Grief/Bereavement
4. Finances