

Teach  
Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting  
3/2/00

## Introduction

All of us may have found ourselves in one of these situations?

As Young Men leaders:

1. Just called and wondering what to do.
2. Just doing a Sunday only job of our calling?
3. Struggling to figure out what to do week to week for activities?

As Bishopric Members:

- a. Overwhelmed with the rest of our calling and not sure where/how to direct the cycles we do have
- b. Wondering what to say or do when you have time with youth?

Our desire is to be an effective leader of young men but how do we do that?

Answer comes on two levels

- Mechanics
  - Be at meetings, hold presidency meetings etc.
  - Experienced leadership can help
    - Get us going the right direction
    - Share experiences and ideas
  - Can miss the mark
    - Need good mechanics
    - What the Jews did
- What is that thing (or things) that sets apart the leader who makes a difference?
  - Number of different things
  - Tonight we will focus on being a teacher.
    - Not the lesson on Sunday, or teacher development
    - One who creates moments for teaching and feeling the Spirit

Think of the Savior

- Often he taught in “formal” settings (in Synagogue etc.)
- More often it was in more informal moments or settings
  - Some of greatest teaching moments
    - “Lovest thou me more than these?” (John 21:15-21)
    - Fig tree cursed (Mark 11:13-14)

How do I know where to focus for creating teaching moments?

- What do I teach?
- What am I trying to accomplish?
- The answer is in the manual
- What are the 6 Purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood?
  1. Become converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ and live by its teachings.
  2. Magnify Priesthood callings and fulfill the responsibilities of his priesthood office.
  3. Give meaningful service
  4. Prepare to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and temple ordinances
  5. Commit to, prepare for, and serve an honorable full-time mission.
  6. Prepare to become a worthy husband and father.
- Examples
  - Deliberately set up the moment
    - Scout Camp Kybo cleaning
    - Under the stars
    - Service projects
    - Spiritual Moments
      - Temple baptism
      - Missionary splits
      - Testimony meeting
      - Campfires
  - Mind set to take advantage of the moment
    - Scott Gale on the Opal Lake hike
    - Bishop Gale: “What do you wear under bike shorts?”
    - Scott Gale and the pants
    - Learn to be still
- Some deep felt feelings
  - You have to know them to teach them
    - You have to be there
  - You can’t catch fish unless your line is in the water
    - You have to be there
    - You need to expose them to the spirit
    - James Dalton & Fishing