

Discover, Gather, and Connect Your Family Together

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Key Concepts

1. Discover, gather, and connect your family together. Everyone can do something.
2. Home-centered, Church-supported family history. What's old is new again.
3. DISCOVER. Discovery is where family history starts and continues. Learn key principles and ideas for helping your family discover who they and their family members (past and present) really are.
 - a. Key concepts: be a guide, keep it short, make it sweet, help people connect.
 - b. Connection comes as we relate and have empathy. Keys for building empathy.
 - i. Walk Where They Walked
 - ii. See What They Saw
 - iii. Touch What They Touched
 - iv. Read What They Wrote
 - v. Hear What They Heard
 - vi. Taste What They Tasted
 - vii. Learn What They Learned
 - viii. Feel What They Felt
 - c. It's about "enlarging the memory of this people" (Alma 37:8)
4. GATHER. Gathering makes discovery possible. There are many things we can gather (images, stories, family members into the tree, video, audio, and other artifacts). All of these things create strong connections to our family.
 - a. Principles for gathering: start small, start with people you know (including yourself), start with memories. Ask for help from others with expertise—you don't have to do this alone!
 - b. Tools for gathering
 - c. Making memories consumable

- d. Gathering records: where to start
 - e. Gathering whole families, because it really is about families. Everyone deserves to be remembered.
5. CONNECT. Discovering and gathering our families turns our hearts to each other. Family history and discovery connect and bind families in personal and profound ways. Those connections are meant to last forever. We owe it to our posterity and our ancestry to make those connections permanent and meaningful.
- a. Connecting with our living family (near and far, known and unknown)
 - b. Connecting with our deceased family
 - c. Connecting with helpers
 - d. The blessings that come as we connect