



GOSPEL STUDY – DISCUSSIONS ON THE RESTORATION

Sandy Utah Crescent Stake



INTRODUCTION: President Nelson has designated 2020 as a bicentennial period commemorating 200 years since God the Father and His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, appeared to Joseph Smith in a vision. God loves all of His children and has a vision for each of us. Just as He listened to Joseph's prayer in 1820, He listens to you and yearns to speak with you through the Spirit. We invite you to be a major part in sharing the message of the ongoing Restoration of the Savior's gospel. Under the direction of President Clark, the stake will be offering several discussions focusing on the Restoration of the Gospel. These discussions will be facilitated by Brother Clark Waddoups of the Crescent 18th Ward.

WHERE / WHEN: The remaining discussions will be held via a Zoom webinar on the dates and times listed below. Suggested age is 16 years and older. Please register for the remaining webinar discussions by clicking [here](#).

FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OVERVIEW:

- **August 13th 7-8:15pm** - *The New and Everlasting Covenant of Marriage:* Early practices of polygamy, the experience in Utah and the Manifesto.
- **August 27th 7-8:15pm** - *Testimony:* What do we mean when we say, "I know the Church is true."

PREVIOUSLY HELD DISCUSSIONS FOR YOUR REVIEW:

- **February 6th** - *Why the Restoration was necessary:* Loss of understanding about the true character of God and mankind as children of God, rather than creatures. Access discussion materials [here](#).
- **February 13th** - *How should we understand Joseph Smith's experience of the first Vision:* The facts about when and what he said about the experience. Access discussion materials [here](#).
- **February 20th** - *The coming forth of the Book of Mormon:* What we know about the translation and the use of the Book of Mormon in the early Church. Access discussion materials [here](#).
- **February 27th** - *The murder of Joseph and Hyrum Smith:* The controversy leading to his death and the transition in Church leadership. Access discussion materials [here](#).
- **July 30th 7-8:15pm** - *The Proclamation on the Restoration:* Summary of previous discussions in light of the proclamation issued by President Nelson during the April 2020 conference – "The Restoration of the Fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: A Bicentennial Proclamation to the World." Access the recorded discussion [here](#).

SUGGESTED READINGS:

- The Standard Works, Comprehensive Essays, The Joseph Smith Papers: Volumes 1 through 3, Richard Bushman: Rough Stone Rolling, Terryl Givens and Mathew Grow: Parley P. Pratt, The Apostle Paul of Mormonism, Fiona and Terryl Givens: The Christ Who Heals, Fiona and Terryl Givens: The God Who Weeps, Terryl Givens: Wrestling the Angel, The Restoration of the Fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: A Bicentennial Proclamation to the World. Access the proclamation [here](#).