

Fishers of Men

Young Women Leadership Training

Opening Song:

Opening Prayer:

Blackboard discussion:

What do you want to do/achieve as a class presidency?

What do you think your roles are?

Review class rosters and the following:

class presidency duties: <https://www.lds.org/handbook/handbook-2-administering-the-church/young-women/10.4#104>

class presidency meeting agendas: <http://inkablinka.com/2012/05/young-women-class-presidency-agendas.html>

Elder Robert D. Hales, of the Quorum of the Twelve, mentioned that “the call to be a Christian can seem demanding, even overwhelming.” Even though we have all experienced this, we need not be afraid or think we are inadequate. “The Savior has promised that he will make us equal to his work. ‘Follow me,’ He said, ‘And I will make you fishers of men’ (Matthew 4:19).

Watch FISHERS OF MEN video:

<https://www.lds.org/bible-videos/videos/follow-me-and-i-will-make-you-fishers-of-men?lang=eng>

Ask the young women, “What are some attributes of good fishermen?” Write their answers on a board. Then draw a parallel to the attributes of a good fisherman to being a good “fisher of men” (possible answers are in parenthesis below):

- patient (we can be patient with one another)
- not afraid of getting wet or dirty (getting out of comfort zone)
- feed their families and friends (serve others)
- know where and when to find fish (knowledge, skills)
- endure to the end (don’t give up)
- peaceful (no contention)
- early riser (sacrifice - sometimes we have to give up chatting with our best friends to fellowship someone new)
- faithful (they believe the fish will bite, and we can believe Christ will help us do His work)

FISHING HATS- Give each young woman a fisherman’s hat (or use one hat as an example for everyone). Explain that a good fisherman uses many tools to be successful. After placing various fishing gear on the table, challenge the young women to take one or two items and explain how each thing could be related to being fishers of men in their classes. After each explanation the girls attach the item to their hats. Some possibilities are as follows:

- Fishing line (A tangled piece of fishing line on a pin): taking action - casting a line is making a commitment and following through (being dependable and accountable)
- Hook (Christmas ornament hooks): connect with one another - sticking close, being friends, being firmly attached to a testimony of Christ
- Bobber (attach with pin): helps keep the hook at the proper depth, moves the line where it’s difficult for fisherman to go - meetings and agendas help us assess where we are and where we need to be, help us catch the difficult to find fish
- Lure (attach with pin): fun activities, genuine friendliness
- Tackle box (attach with sticky-backed Velcro): personal righteousness, prayer - scripture study, keep commandments
- Net (piece of tulle): working together to catch many fish - safety net to each other to help make good decisions
- Worms (attach with safety pin): being brave, stepping outside of comfort zone

Conclude with the following quote and your testimony:

“As we follow him, he blesses us with gifts, talents and the strength to do his will, allowing us to go beyond our comfort zones and do things we’ve never before thought possible. This may mean sharing the gospel with neighbors, rescuing those who are spiritually lost, (leaving your comfort zone and talking with someone you don’t know well, trying to befriend someone older or younger than you,) enduring misunderstandings or suffering affliction. It means preparing ourselves to answer his call by saying, ‘I’ll go where you want me to go; I’ll say what you want me to say; I’ll do what you want me to do; I’ll be what you want me to be.’”

- Elder Robert D. Hales, “Being a More Christian Christian”, Oct 2012)

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer:

Refreshments could include a chocolate fondue with fruit, bread and gummy worms, or something savory like Spinach dip with giant Goldfish crackers!

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