

Fundamentals of Gospel Teaching and Learning

The Objective of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion

Our purpose is to help youth and young adults understand and rely on the teachings and Atonement of Jesus Christ, qualify for the blessings of the temple, and prepare themselves, their families, and others for eternal life with their Father in Heaven.

Teach

We teach students the doctrines and principles of the gospel as found in the scriptures and the words of the prophets. These doctrines and principles are taught in a way that leads to understanding and edification. We help students fulfill their role in the learning process and prepare them to teach the gospel to others.

To help achieve the teaching aims of the Objective, teachers and students in seminary and institute of religion are specifically encouraged to implement the Fundamentals of Gospel Teaching and Learning.

Teachers and students should—

- Teach and learn by the Spirit.
- Cultivate a learning environment of love, respect, and purpose.
- Study the scriptures daily, and read the text for the course.
- Understand the context and content of the scriptures and the words of the prophets.
- Identify, understand, feel the truth and importance of, and apply gospel doctrines and principles.
- Explain, share, and testify of gospel doctrines and principles.
- Master key scripture passages and the Basic Doctrines.

These principles, practices, and outcomes are interconnected. When implemented wisely and in harmony with each other, these fundamentals contribute to the students' ability to understand the scriptures and the doctrines and principles they contain. These fundamentals also encourage students to take an active role in their learning of the gospel and increase students' ability to live the gospel and teach it to others.



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