Lesson 33
Doctrine and Covenants 107:22–24

Verse 22: What does “chosen by the body” mean? Does it mean the same thing today that it meant when this revelation was given?

What does it mean that the First Presidency is “upheld by the confidence, faith, and prayer of the church”? We speak of sustaining the First Presidency. Is that the same as upholding them? How do we have and show confidence in them? How does our faith uphold them?

Verse 23: Who were “the twelve traveling councilors” when this revelation was given, and has that designation changed now that we no longer have a standing council in Zion?

What does it mean to be a special witness of Christ? Are there also other witnesses? Who might the others be? Why does being a special witness make the Twelve different from other officers in the church?

Verse 24: Why is it important that the Twelve and the First Presidency are equal in authority and power? If they are equal in authority and power, how is it that the First Presidency presides? Are there other instances of priesthood holders or quorums that are equal in power and authority but one presides? What does it mean to preside in such a circumstance?

How might this relationship of equality and presiding apply to the relations of married couples?