

## Engaging Gospel Doctrine (Episode 110.2)

### LESSON 33 (STUDY NOTES)

#### Sharing the Gospel with the World

Hook	You think it is just a fish story, but Jonah isn't what you think—it is better, and far more profound and challenging than its humorous narrative would suggest.
Goal	Class members should use Jonah as an opportunity to reflect on the nature of scripture and most of all, be challenged by the question of who deserves to be ministered to and forgiven.
Overview	
Conclusion	

Manual Goal:

EGD Goal:

#### I. Sunday School

- a. Lessons from Micah
- b. What do we make of Jonah's responses to God's call and commands? (the reluctant if not anti-prophet)
- c. What is the theme of Jonah? What do we learn from the final scene? (desire for judgment, mercy, exclusivism vs. universalism. The powerful insights that understanding genre and history bring)
  - i. Satire: "a story that presents an implicit ideal by means of an exaggerated portrait of its opposite"
- d. What are the implications for Jonah to missionary work?
- e. How can we apply the message of Jonah to our own lives?
- f. What does Jonah help us understand about the nature of scripture?

#### II. Scholarship

- a. Introduction to Micah and Jonah
- b. What was the author trying to communicate by this strange little book?
- c. The genre of Jonah: Satire
- d. Possible historical setting and implications (Ezra-Nehemiah, a later return in the time of Artaxerxes, in 458 or so.

#### III. Study Notes

- a. How can we use Jonah as a lens to foster the best in LDS culture?
- b. Return to the theme of missionary work
- c. Exclusivism vs. Universalism
- d. Scripture and literalness