

CONNECT Group study questions for March 5, 2019

Title: "The Prodigal Prophet"

1. If all you had to go on was Jonah 1, what would you say is the central meaning of the book so far?

-How does that meaning relate to us, the Church of Jesus Christ?

2. Peppy said that there are some people who are so stubborn they would rather die than obey God's will.

-If Peppy is right (and he is!), then what hope do we have?

-What is the cure for such hard-hearted disobedience and what steps can we take to engage with God's cure?

3. We often think of Jonah being swallowed by the fish as punishment for his disobedience, but Jesus equates the belly of the great fish in Jonah with salvation. How can being swallowed by a giant fish be a kind of salvation? Can you think of a time in your life when you were sure that what was happening to you was an awful punishment, but now you see it as God's deliverance? Share that with the group.