

## Lesson 8

## Doctrine and Covenants 42–44

The following assignments include various learning activities, such as questions, lists, essays, charts, comparisons, contrasts, and surveys. To receive credit for this lesson, you must complete the number of assignments indicated below and submit them to your institute instructor or administrator. You may submit your work either electronically or on paper, handwritten or typed.

Each lesson should take approximately 60–90 minutes to complete, the same amount of time you would typically spend in a weekly institute class. Since reading the scripture block listed in the lesson heading is expected of all institute students prior to class, the estimated time for each assignment does not include the time you need to spend reading the scripture block.

**Complete each of the following assignments:**

### 1. Doctrine and Covenants 42. “The Law of the Church”

- a. In preparation for your study of this section, read the institute student manual “Historical Background” for section 42 (page 82) and the commentary “D&C 42:2: What Is Law?” (pages 82–83). Write a paragraph that explains how the guidance provided by this section of the Doctrine and Covenants was essential for the continued establishment and growth of the Church.
- b. Identify in writing at least two commandments or principles of the gospel from each of the following scripture blocks. Also respond in writing to the question or instruction provided for each block. You may wish to consult the material in the student manual commentary for section 42 as you complete this assignment (pages 82–86).
  - Verses 4–17. How can knowing that the Lord has outlined His doctrines and explained how they should be taught influence your efforts to share and teach the gospel?
  - Verses 18–29. How do these verses give you more understanding about what the Lord expects in keeping His commandments than does Exodus 20:3–17 alone?
  - Verses 30–39, 53–55. How can applying the principles of caring for the poor

described in these verses lead you to greater spirituality?

- Verses 40–42. What can we learn about the Lord’s character through the commandments given in these verses?
- Verses 43–52. How could these instructions help you when faced with the sickness or death of a loved one?
- Verses 61, 68–69. Describe an experience in your life when you followed the guidelines in these verses and received personal revelation.
- Verses 74–93. Identify a common theme among these verses. Why do you think it is important for Church leaders to follow the counsel given in these verses?

### 2. Doctrine and Covenants 43. The Lord’s Law of Revelation

- a. Read the section heading for Doctrine and Covenants 43, the student manual “Historical Background” (page 87), and Doctrine and Covenants 43:1–7. From your reading, make a list of at least three principles that can keep you from being deceived by someone claiming to have received revelation on behalf of the Church. Also write a paragraph about how you have come to know, or how you plan to receive, a personal witness that the President of the Church is the one appointed to lead the entire Church.
- b. Read Doctrine and Covenants 43:8–10, and then complete the following instructions:
  - Make a list of the principles that the Lord has given in these verses that lead to greater blessings as we meet in sacrament meeting, Sunday School, priesthood or Relief Society, and whenever we are “assembled together” (verse 8).
  - Describe in writing three specific things you could do to better contribute to church meetings you attend.
- c. Read Doctrine and Covenants 43:17–34 and the student manual commentary “D&C 43:17–25: How Is God’s Warning Voice Being Sounded Today?” (pages 88–89). Then write answers to the following questions:

- According to these verses, in what ways does the Lord warn His people?
- Why do you think the Lord would use so many ways to warn His children?
- What counsel found in these verses can help you faithfully endure the calamities of the last days?

### 3. Doctrine and Covenants 44. The Purpose of Conferences

Read Doctrine and Covenants 44:1–5 and write responses to the following:

- What did the Lord promise if we would gather together in conferences?
- What conditions are necessary for the Spirit of the Lord to be poured out upon those who have assembled together?
- Make a list of a few ways you could be better prepared for your next ward, stake, or general conference.
- Write a paragraph that describes an experience when you have felt the Spirit of the Lord while attending a conference.