

# Jonah & the Whale in 3-D

Every year at our church we teach a “Next Steps” Sunday School class called **How to Study the Bible** illustrating fifteen \_\_\_\_\_ that should guide personal and corporate Bible study. Every sermon that is preached from every pulpit at our church (*including our children’s ministry*) utilizes these factors of Bible study. God’s Book is not to be trifled with or misinterpreted (2 Pet. 1:20). Today we are going to look at one of these factors in particular as it will be greatly employed in our next expository book study from the Bible which will begin in two weeks.

## 1. There are Three Basic Dimensions (3-D) or Applications to All Scripture:

*Historical...* There is a historical, \_\_\_\_\_ context to every passage in Scripture – Rom. 15:4.

*Devotional...* There are many personal, \_\_\_\_\_ applications for us from every Scripture – 1 Cor. 10:1-10; 2 Tim. 3:16.

*Doctrinal...* God uses historical events to teach eternal truths and even \_\_\_\_\_ events – Jn. 5:39, 46-47; Ecc. 1:9-10, 3:15; 1 Cor. 2:10-13.

**Key:** You must consider the \_\_\_\_\_ context of any Scripture first before you can make other applications. The historical (literal) element guides all other applications.

## 2. Jonah & the Whale in 3-D (*applying this factor*) – Jonah 1:1 - 2:2

*Historical...* Jonah was a prophet of God who preached to the northern kingdom when Israel was \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Kings 14:23-25.

*Devotional...* Jonah, God’s servant, rebelled and \_\_\_\_\_ from God, but God pursued him – 1 Pet. 1:23; Rom. 10:17; Lk. 8:15, 11:28; Gal. 5:7; Heb. 12:5-13; Pr. 16:9; 2 Cor. 4:3, 5:20; Rom. 13:11-14.

*Doctrinal...* Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His death and resurrection to Jonah’s story – Matt. 12:39-42, 16:4; Ps. 11:6, 50:3-4; Tit. 3:5; Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 4:10-12.