

# EMMAUS EQUIPPING

## *COLLEGE BIBLE CLASSES*

### Assignment 2

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| <b>1</b> | <i>Describe the five steps of the Interpretive Journey.</i> |
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| # | Step       | Question   | Description   |
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| 1 | Their Town | What did the text mean to the biblical audience?                   | Figure out what the passage meant to the people back then.  |
| 2 | River      | What are the differences between the biblical audience and us?     | Look for how we are different from the people in the Bible. |
| 3 | Bridge     | What is the theological principle in this text?                    | The main lesson God wants everyone to learn.                |
| 4 | Map        | How does the theological principle fit with the rest of the Bible? | Check if the lesson is consistent with the Bible.           |
| 5 | My Town    | How should we live the principles?                                 | Think about how we can use the lesson in our lives today.   |

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*What are the guidelines for developing theological principles?*

| # | Principle | Guideline                         | Notes   |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Textual   | Reflected in the Text             | The principle should clearly come from the specific text being studied.                       |
| 2 | Timeless  | Timeless & not situation specific | It should apply to all people at all times, not tied to a specific culture or event.          |
| 3 | Culture   | Not Culturally Bound              | Avoid making it about just one historical or cultural situation.                              |
| 4 | Aligned   | Aligned with Scripture            | The principle must agree with the teachings of the entire Bible.                              |
| 5 | Relevant  | Relevant to Both Audiences        | It should make sense and be useful for both the biblical audience and contemporary Christians |

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*What are the differences that determine the width of the river to cross?*

There are a number of differences that need to be considered when determining the width of the river to cross. These include the following:

**1. Culture**

- a. Customs
- b. Biblical audiences would be different to our modern culture.

**2. Language**

- a. Common languages of the time were Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek
- b. I only speak English.

**3. Time**

- a. As things progress, things seem to change quicker and quicker.
- b. The Bible was written at the beginning of time and all throughout all of history.

**4. Situation**

- a. Life context from Israelites wandering in the desert to Jews worshipping in the temple.
- b. Our life is very different from theirs.

**5. Covenant**

- a. There was no new testament. There was no new covenant.
- b. Our Bible is different to theirs.

## APPENDIX A: References

- [Grasping God's Word, J Scott Duvall, Third Edition](#)

Thanks Omar, once again you have successfully completed the assignment. Perhaps including an example utilising a particular scripture may help illustrate the above observations. Do you have such a scripture that you could include? Again, your layout, organisation and responses are excellent.