

## The Interpretative Journey

### Assignment #2

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#### Assignment 2-1

Describe the five steps of the Interpretative Journey

These step provides us with the reliable way to move from the meaning for the ancient audience across the river of difference to a legitimate application of the same meaning today

Without the help of the Holy Spirit it is impossible to be accurate, also comparing scripture to scripture would help a lot.

#### SCRIPTURE reading for this Assignment

Romans 11;33-36 Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of GOD! How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable His ways!

34" For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counsellor?"

35" Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?"

#### STEP 1

What does the text mean to the biblical Audience

This quote is from Isaiah and JOB explaining the intent of God being a mystery to the children of Israel

As as created human beings and inexperienced with no literature to refer to were unable to grasp the mind of GOD.

They would have frustrated confused and rebellious with conflicting situations.

#### STEP 2

What is the difference between the biblical audience and us

The same attributes of humanity as them we have but because we have the word to refer too does make a difference as we can learn from them and know that we can never fully understand God. But GOD can reveal His secrets if we diligently seek to know Him.

God has availed His Word

#### Step 3

What is the theological principle in this in this text

The unsearchable depth and glory of GODs wisdom, knowledge, judgements emphasizing His Sovereignty and ultimate source of source and controller of all things

#### Step 4 How does our theological principle fit with the rest of the bible

God's sovereignty; Aligns with biblical of theme of GOD being the ultimate authority and creator of all things and complete control over the universe and its inhabitants

Humility and reverence is encouraged in recognition of human limitation and understanding GODS justice and mercy, purpose and glory

#### Step 5

How should individual Christian today live out the theological principle  
Through the acts of love and service and seeking GOD'S guidance and reflecting on the  
teachings of Jesus and the bible in the daily lives  
Acknowledging their sinful nature and internal struggle it causes

## Assignment 2-2

Guidelines For Developing theological principles

No 1 Grasp the text in their own town and what it meant to the original audience

Foundational Principle

2 measure the width of the river to cross .What is the biblical audience and us prioritising  
through scripture study

3 Cross the principlizing bridge ;What is the

Theological principle in the text  
careful consideration of historical context.

grasp the text in our town. How should individual Christians today out live the theological  
principle .

## Assignment 2-3

The differences that determine the width to cross.

Culture Customs Language Situation that is presenting at that time a Vast Expanse Of time  
Change in the covenant caused a barrier as the law was central to history.

Current depth which vary across the river need to assessed down stream hazards, like logs or  
rapid down stream and the size of the river means to get the message across the bridge this  
could mean doctrines and unbelief.

Check if principle align with the rest of scripture and display the character of God.

find the key principle and moral lesson.

Historical context with events.

Cultural context and societal norms.

linguistic context original language e.g. Hebrew Aramaic and Greek nuances and idioms that  
may not translate directly to English.

Cross check the principle if it is applicable to all people in all cultures.

Thank you Veronica, you have worked through the assignment successfully.  
Perhaps the value of your responses would be helped with an actual example; so  
if you like, perhaps choose a particular scripture that comes to mind, and show  
how the key principle applies across time and circumstance. What did the original  
audience understand about this text, and, how might we correctly understand and  
apply the universal principle. Citing an example always helps illustrate the points above.

Kind regards, John 08/04/2025