

# EMMAUS EQUIPPING

## *COLLEGE BIBLE CLASSES*

### Assignment 2

<b>1</b>	<i>Describe the five steps of the Interpretive Journey.</i>
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#	Step	Question	Description
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.

Omar, your layout and clarity is excellent. Well done!

In fact, your layout helps to visualise and distil with clarity the assignment's purpose.

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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](#)

Are there any examples that come to mind, that may further help illustrate the excellent points above. Thank you Omar for your work on this. John 24/03/2025