

Emmaus Chapter 2 – Mike Baran

Grasping God's Word – Chapter 2

Assignment 2-1

Describe the five steps of the Interpretive Journey

Step 1: What did the text mean to the original audience?

Step 2: What are the differences between the biblical audience and us?

Step 3: What is the theological principle in this text?

Step 4: How does our theological principle fit with the rest of the Bible?

Step 5: How should individual Christians today live out the theological principle?

Assignment 2-2

The criteria or guidelines for developing the theological principle are as follows:

1. The principle should be reflected in the text.
2. The principle should be timeless and not tied to a specific situation.
3. The principle should not be culturally bound.
4. The principle should correspond to the teaching of the rest of Scripture.
5. The principle should be relevant to both the biblical and the contemporary audience.

Assignment 2-3

The differences that determine the width of the river to cross (the differences between the original biblical audience and us) include differences in culture, language, situation and time. Difference in covenants is unlikely to be a factor.

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