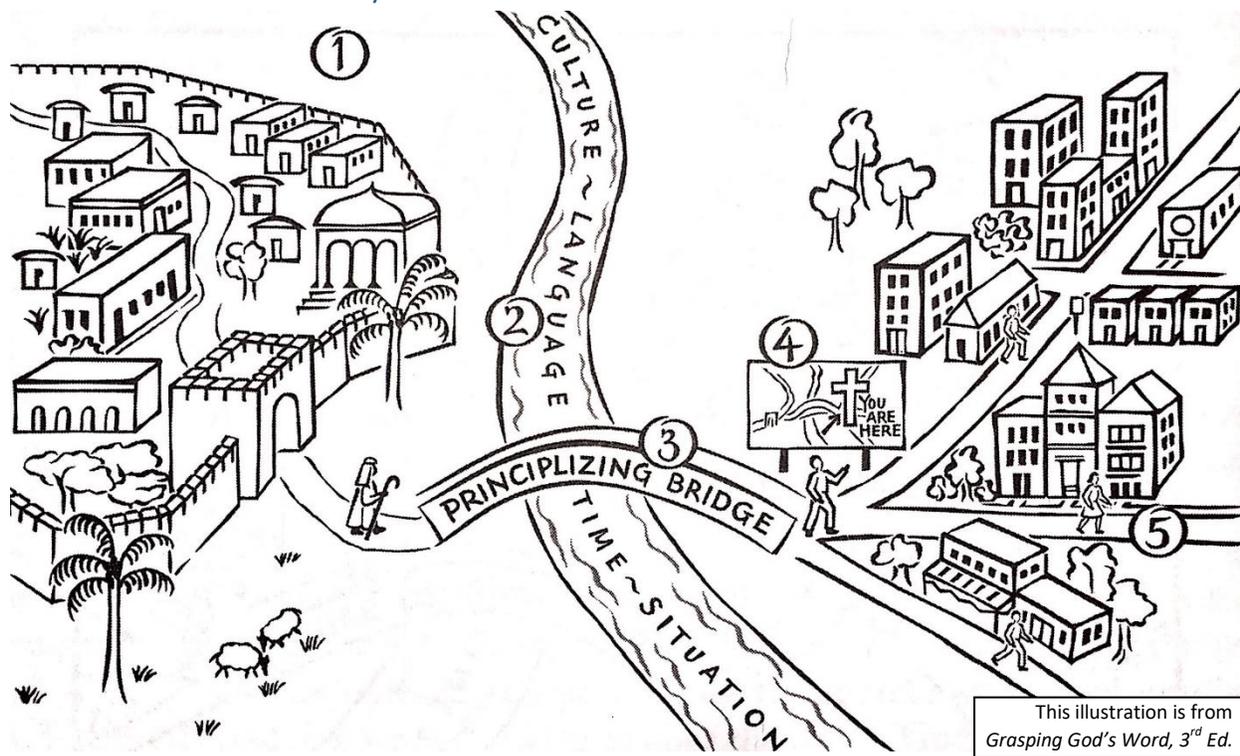


How to Read The Book

Lesson 4—What Do We Bring to the Text?¹

Review of the Journey



Step 1: Grasp the text in their town. What did the text mean to the _____?

Step 2: Measure the width of the river. What are the _____ between the biblical audience and us?

Step 3: Cross the principalizing bridge. What is the _____ in this text?

Step 4: Consult the biblical map. How does this theological principle _____ with the _____ of the _____?

Step 5: Grasp the text in our town. How should individual _____ today _____ the principle?

Preunderstanding

Preunderstanding refers to all of our _____ and understandings that we bring to the text, which have been formulated, both _____ and _____, before we actually study the text in detail.

¹This course is based primarily on content from *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible, 3rd Edition*, by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012).

The Dangers of Preunderstanding

Pride.

Theological Agenda.

Familiarity.

Cultural Baggage.

Culture is a combination of _____ and _____.

“What we do want to do is submit our preunderstanding _____ the text, placing it _____ the text rather than _____ the text.”

Foundational Beliefs

The Role of the Holy Spirit

Can Unbelievers Grasp God’s Word?

- 1) Yes.
- 2) Yes, but only to a degree.
- 3) No. 1 Corinthians 2:14

What About the Believer?

- 1) The Spirit of God does not make _____ interpretation _____.
- 2) 2 Timothy 2:15 The Spirit does expect us to use our _____ and proper _____.
- 3) The Spirit helps us grasp the _____ of God’s Word.
- 4) The Spirit helps bring the _____ to _____ on your _____ in your _____.
- 5) _____ is critical in studying God’s Word.

Conclusion

2 Timothy 2:7