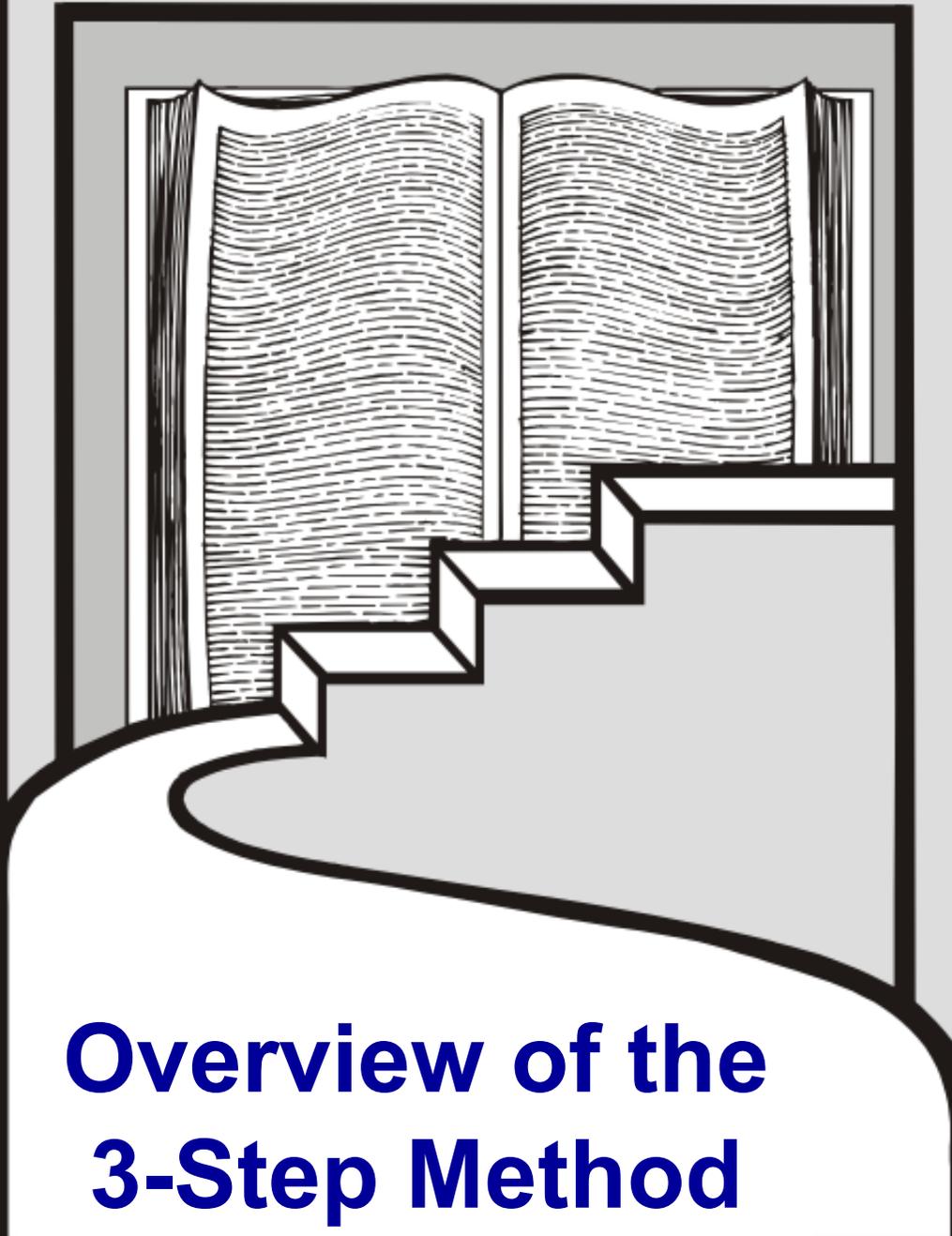


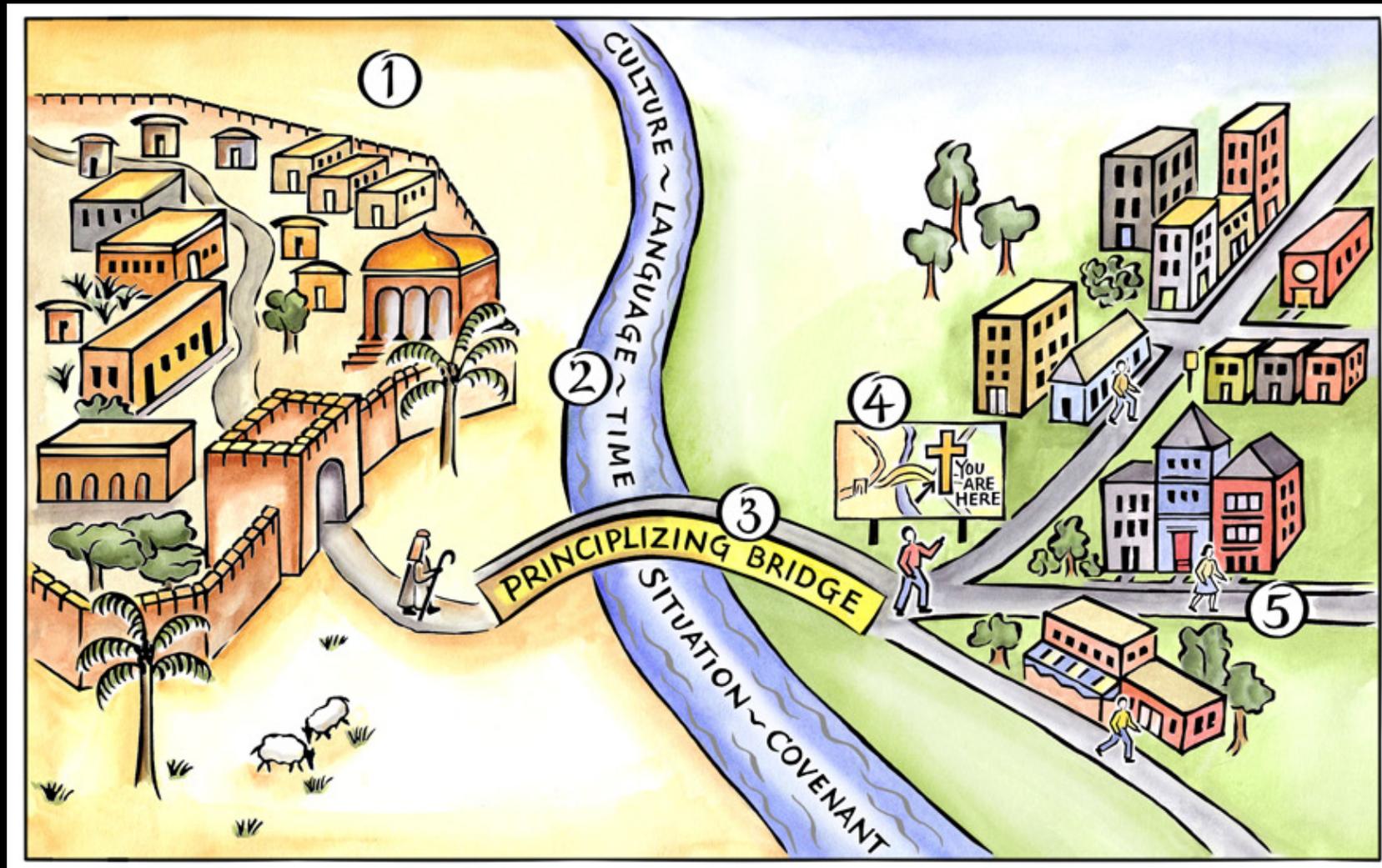
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Overview of the 3-Step Method

**We must
study before
we can
interpret!**

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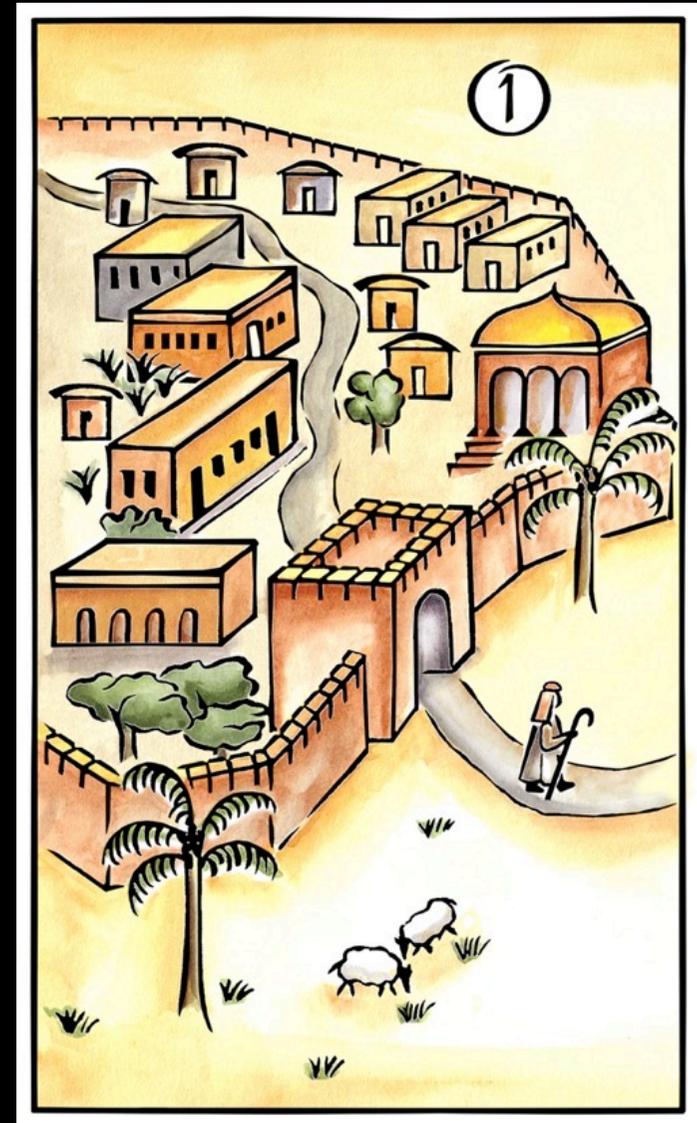


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Step 1: Grasping the Text in Their Town

Question: What did the text mean to the biblical audience?

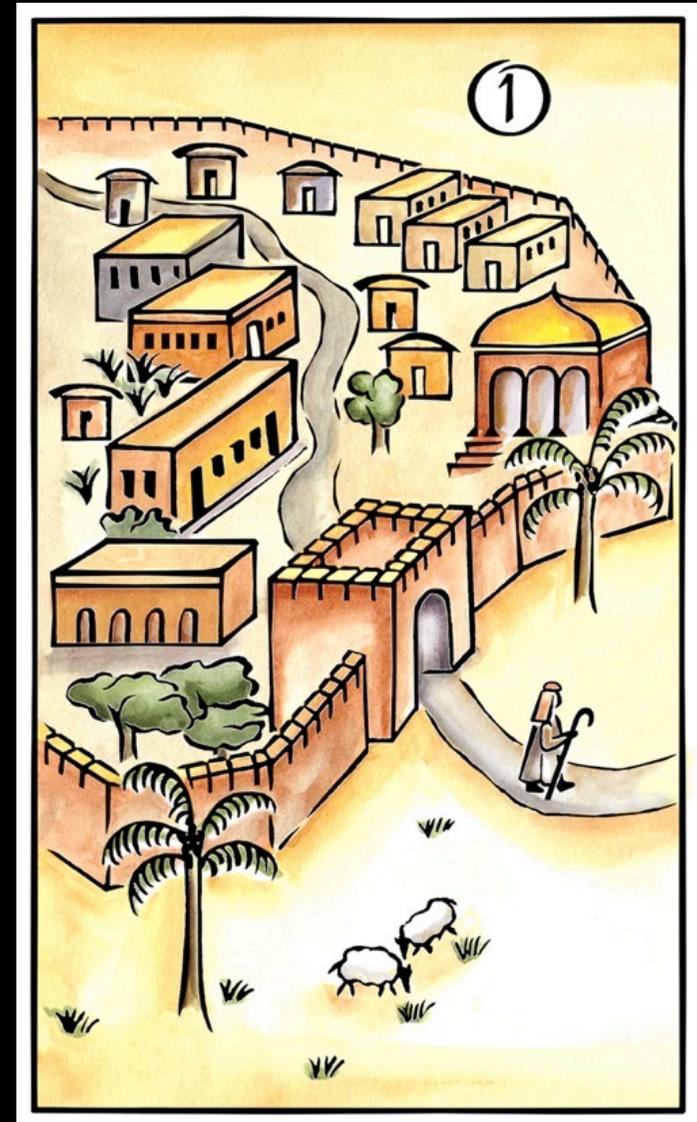


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Step 1 Their Town:

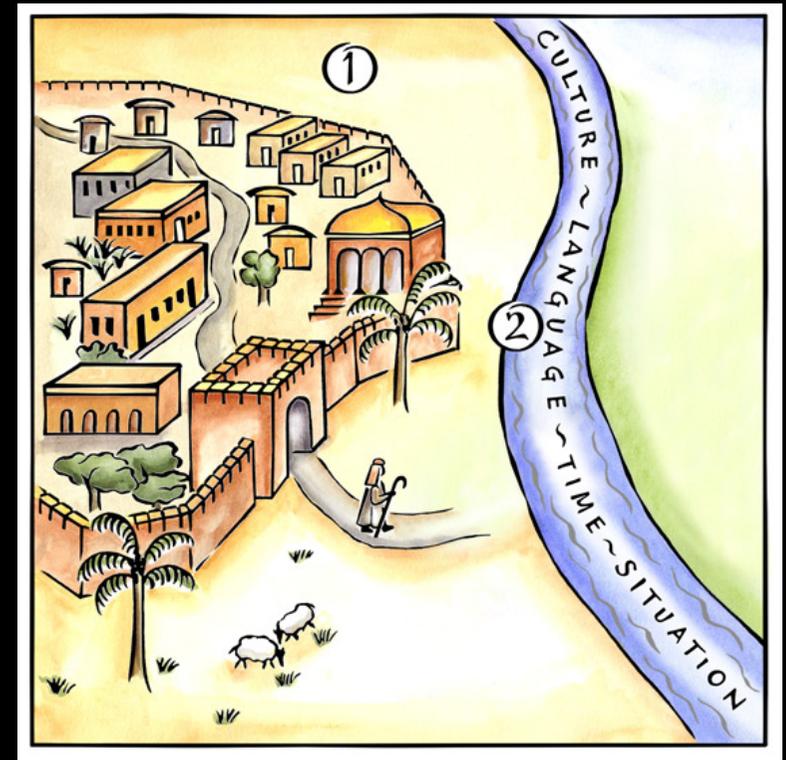
- *Read the text carefully and make **observations**.*
- *Study the historical and literary **context**.*
- *Synthesize the meaning of the passage for the biblical audience.*



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Step 2: Measuring the Width of the River to Cross

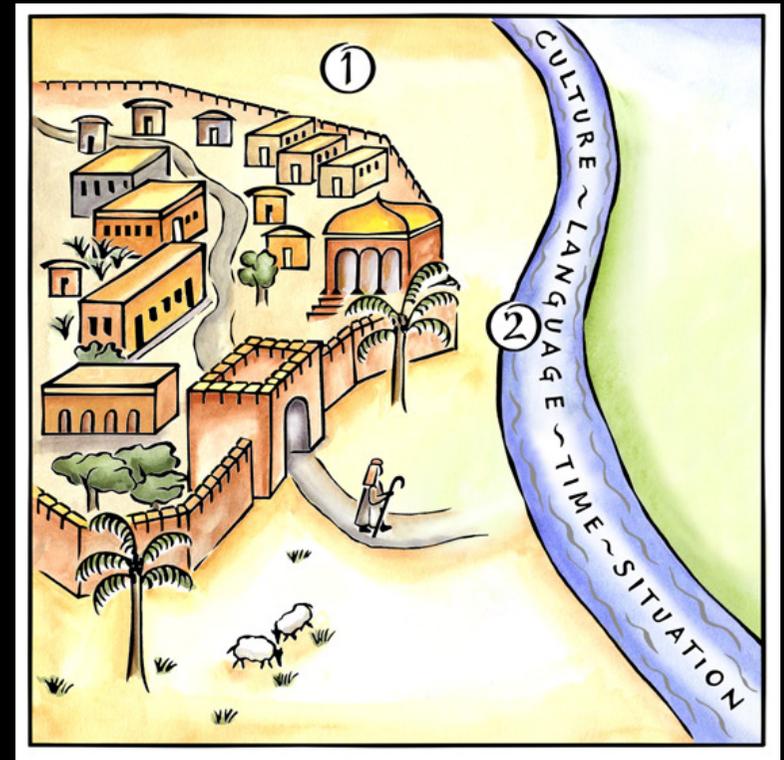
*Question: What are the **differences** between the biblical audience and us?*



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Step 2 River Measurement:

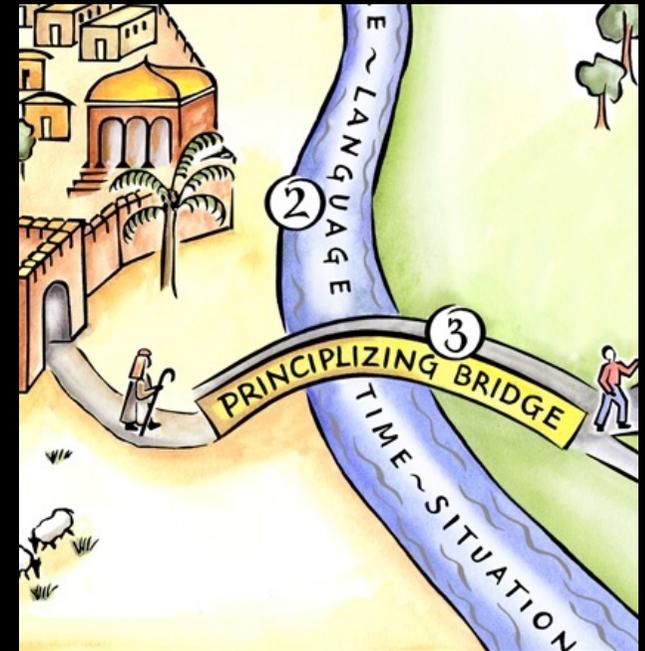
- Account for **common differences**: culture, language situation, time and covenant.
- Focus on the **unique differences** found in a specific text.
- If you are studying an Old Testament passage, you must account for the **life and work of Jesus Christ**.



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Step 3: Crossing the Principlizing Bridge

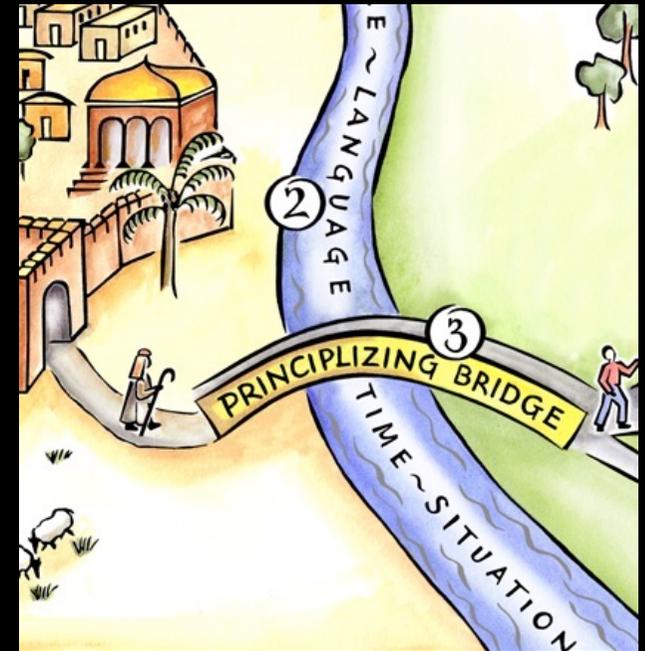
*Question: What is the **theological principle** in this text?*



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Step 3 Principlizing Bridge:

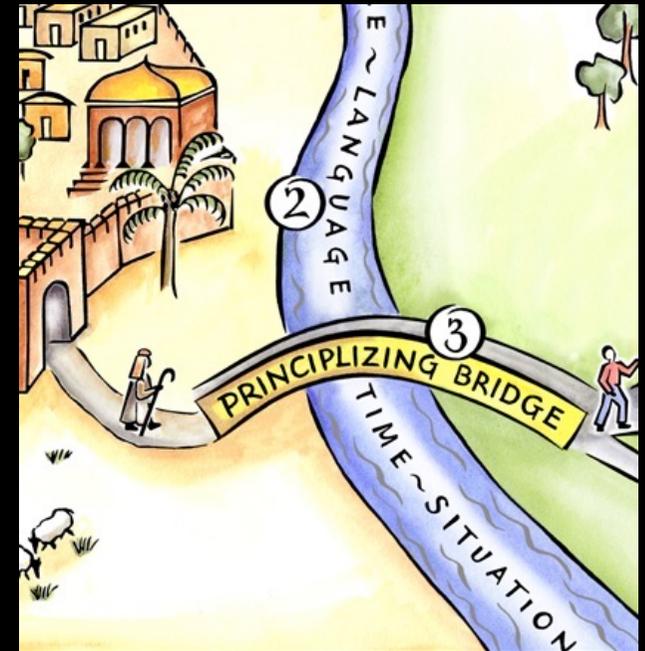
- Recall the *differences* in Step 2.
- Identify *similarities* between the biblical and modern audiences.
- Holding the differences and similarities together, *identify* a broad theological principle.
- *Write out the theological principle*, using present tense verbs.



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A theological principle should...

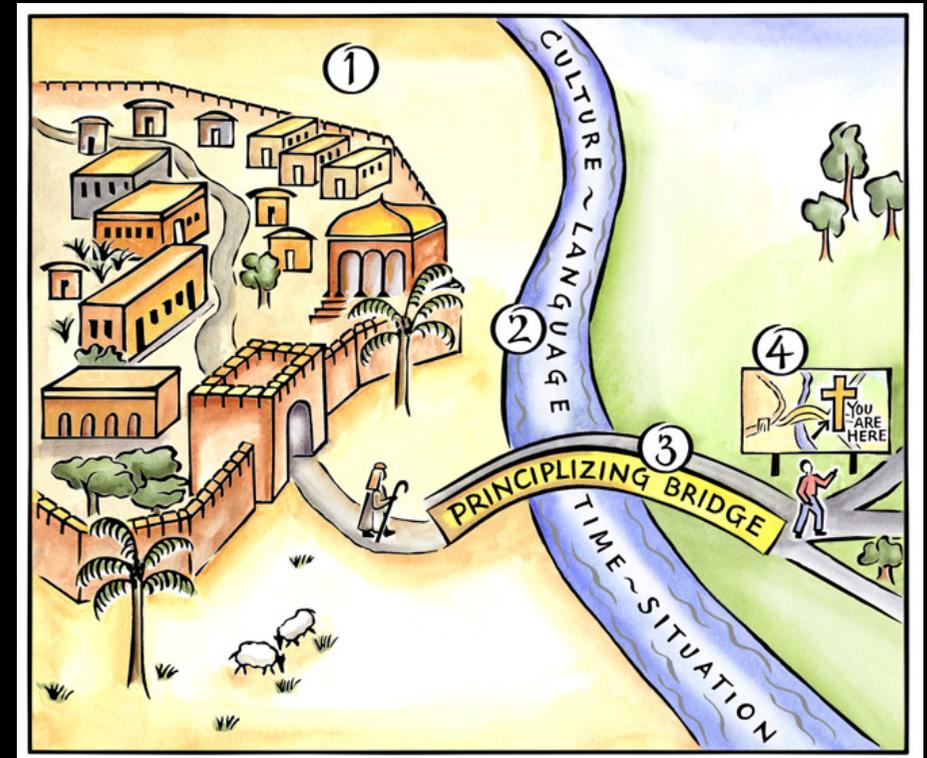
1. *be reflected in the text.*
2. *be timeless and not tied to a specific situation.*
3. *not be culturally bound.*
4. *correspond to the teaching of the rest of Scripture.*
5. *be relevant to both the biblical and contemporary audience.*



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Step 4: Consult the Biblical Map

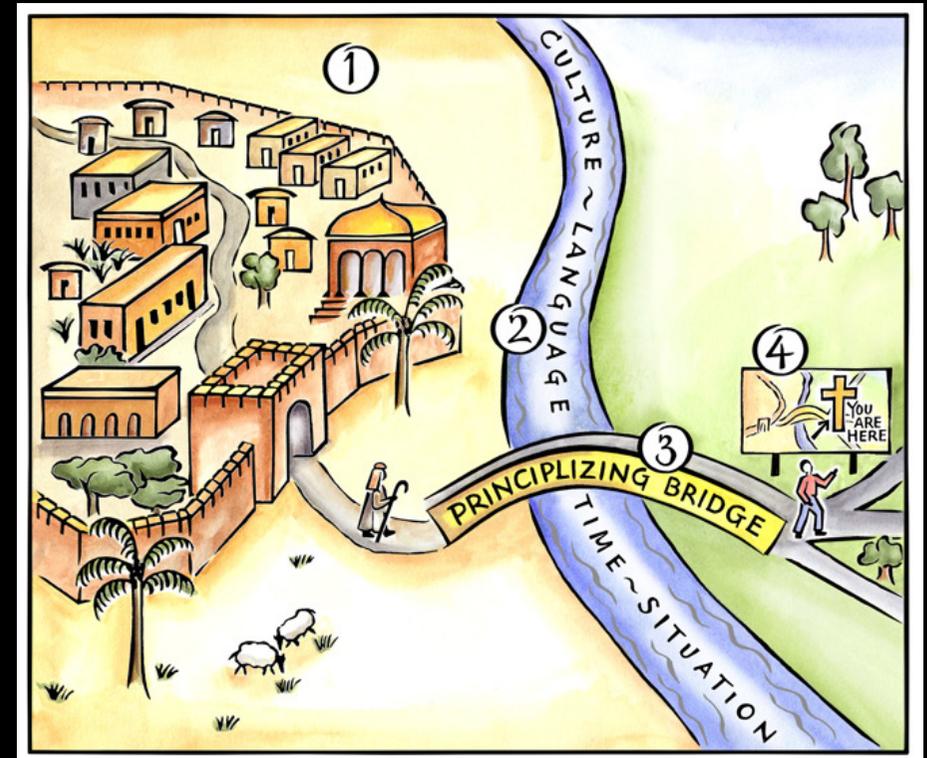
Question: How does our theological principle fit with the rest of the Bible?



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Step 4 Biblical Map:

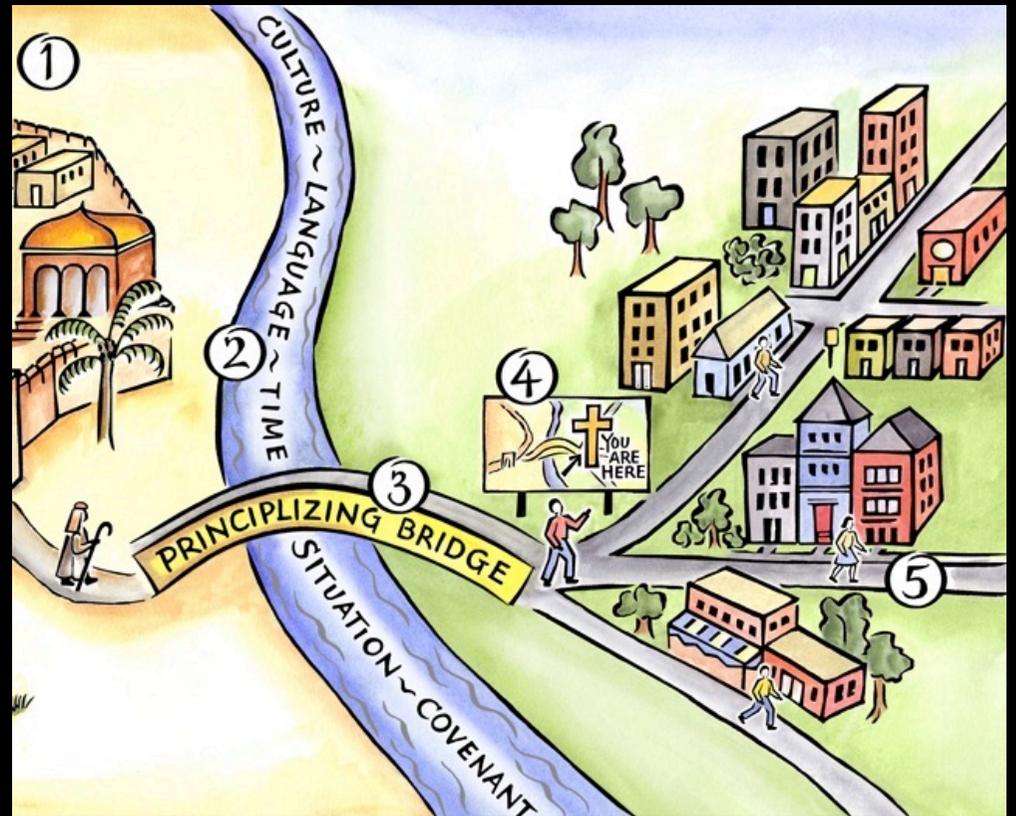
- *Does this principle correlate with the rest of the Bible?*
- *If in the Old Testament, run your theological principle through the grid of the New Testament.*



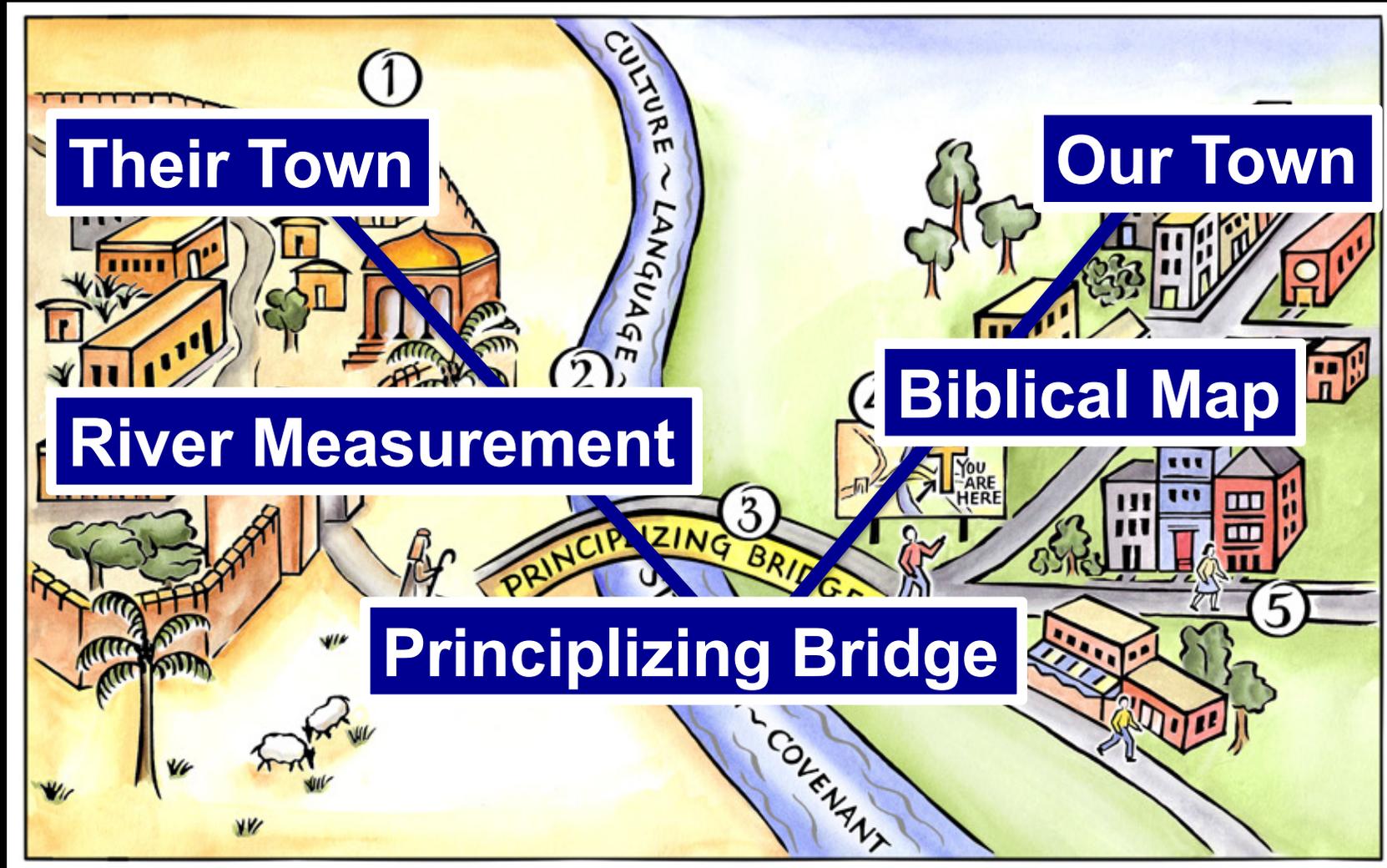
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Step 5: Grasping the Text in Our Town

*Question: How should individual Christians today **live out** the theological principles?*



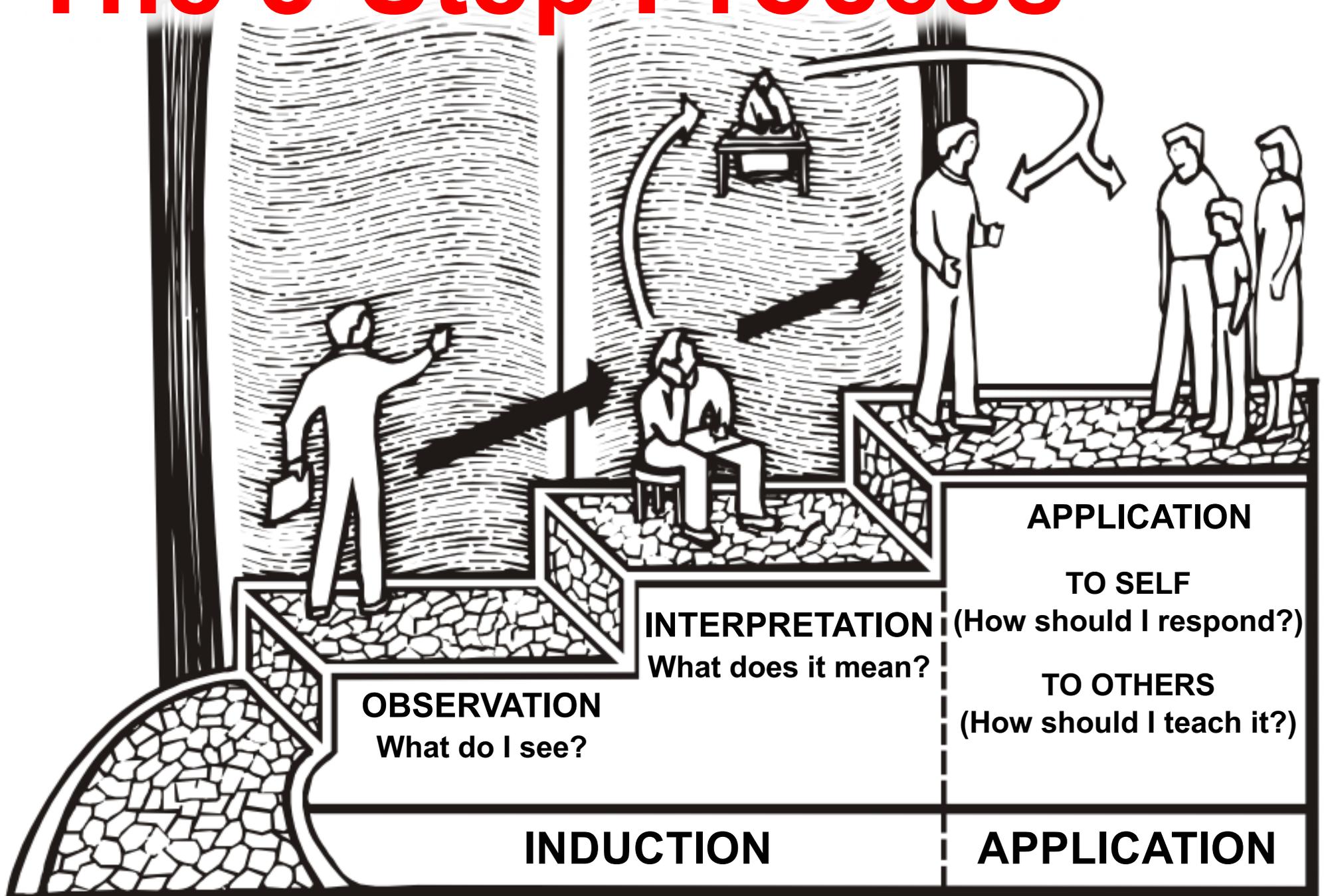
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The Inductive Approach

	Book (Synthetic)	
Observe (What do I see?)	Passage or Detail (Analytical)	Interpret the Observations (What does it mean?)
	Topic (Topical)	

The 3-Step Process



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Observation

Application

Their Town

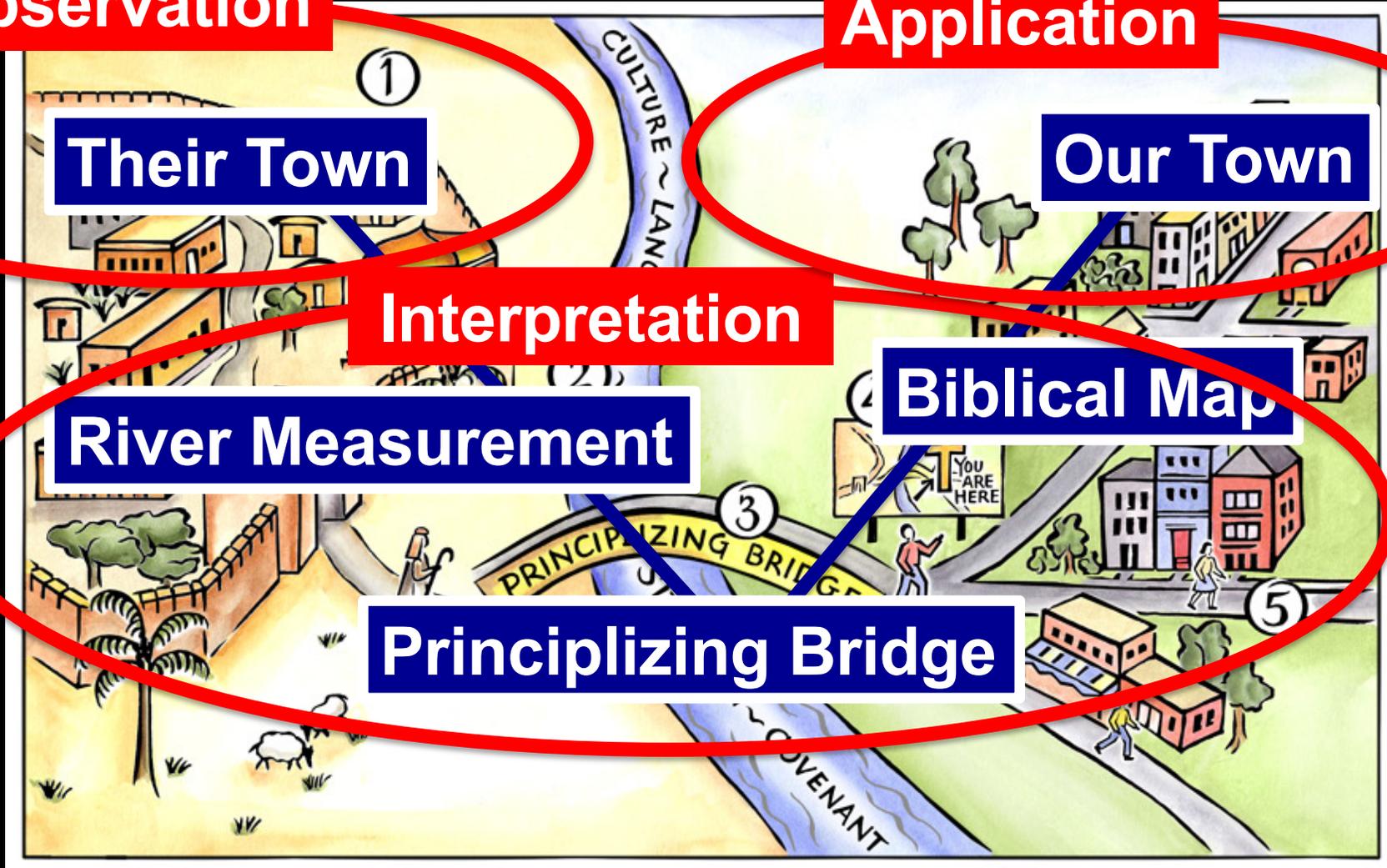
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