

Growth Institute: Applying The Bible

Meaning refers to what the author _____ to communicate
_____ the text.

Application refers to the _____ of the reader to the _____
of the inspired text.

The Interpretive Journey

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

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

Step 3: Cross the principlizing _____ . What is the _____ principle(s) in this text?

Step 4: Consult the biblical _____. How does our theological principle(s) _____ with the rest of the bible?

Step 5: Grasp the text in our _____. How should individual Christians today live out the theological principle(s)?

- a. Observe how the principles in the text _____ the _____ situation.
- b. Discover a _____ _____ in a contemporary context.
- c. Make your applications _____ .

Reflection For the Week: Take the Interpretive Journey with the text for this Sunday, Romans 8:31-39.

For Next Week: Read:

<https://reasonsforjesus.com/how-to-interpret-the-gospels/>

Resources For Going Further:

Duvall, J. Scott and J. Daniel Hays. Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012.

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Plummer, Robert L. and Benjamin L. Merkle. 40 Questions about Interpreting the Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2010.

Hendricks, Howard G. and William D. Hendricks, Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2007.