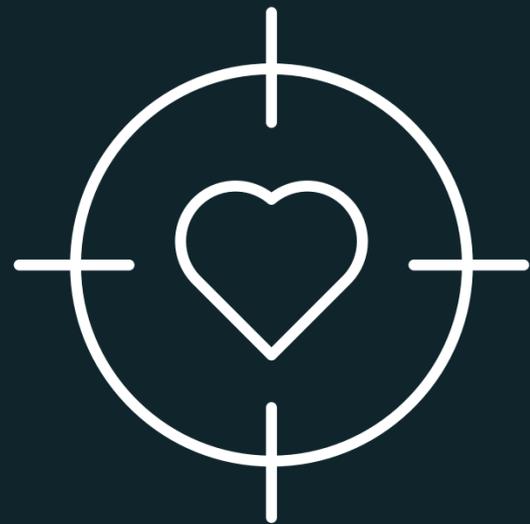

Interpretation

What does the Bible mean?



**“And you will seek Me and find Me,
when you search for Me with all your heart.”**



Jeremiah 29:13

**Incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;
Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,
If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
Then you will understand the fear of the Lord,
And find the knowledge of God.**

—//—

Proverbs 2:2-5

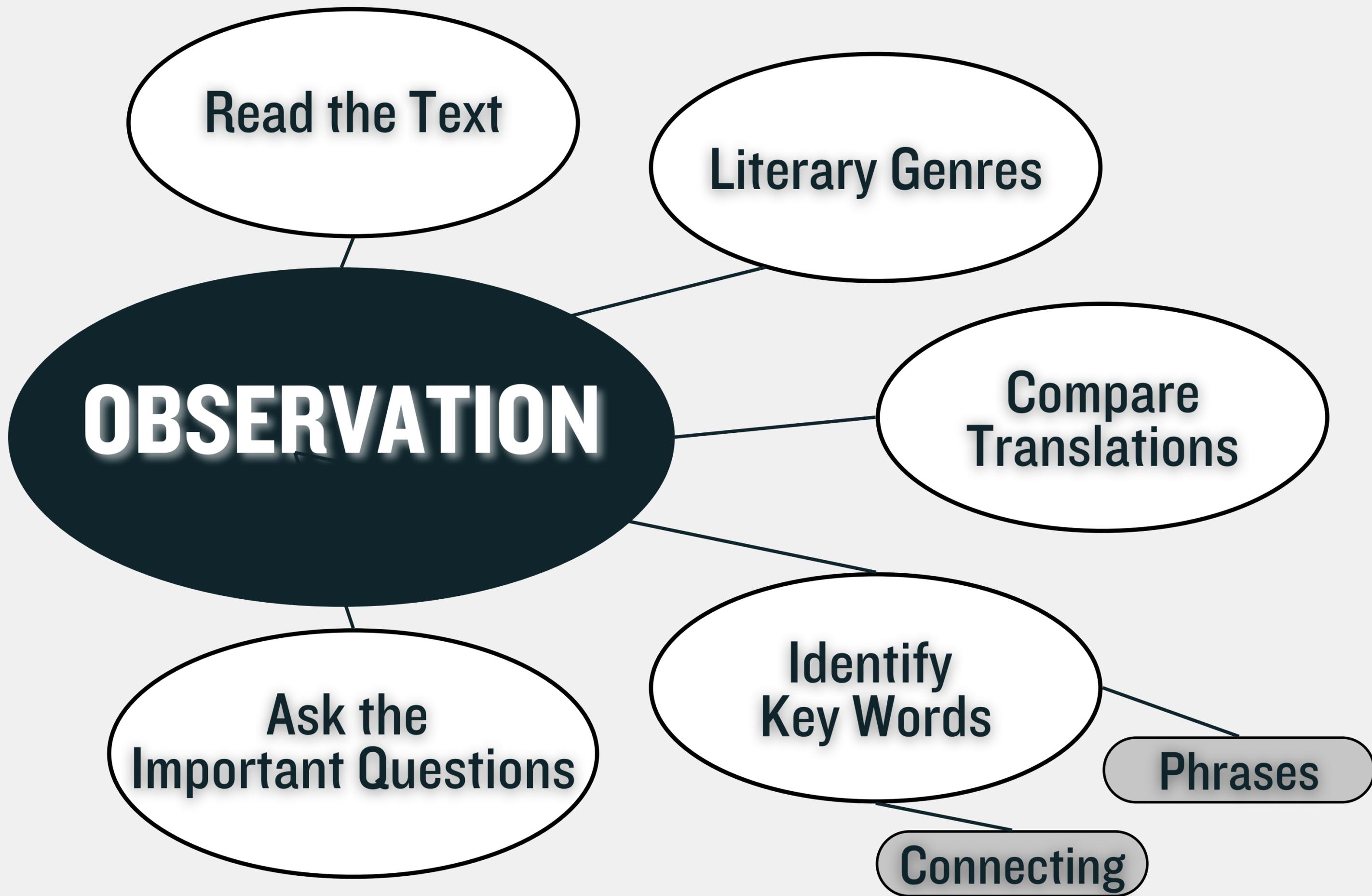
For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

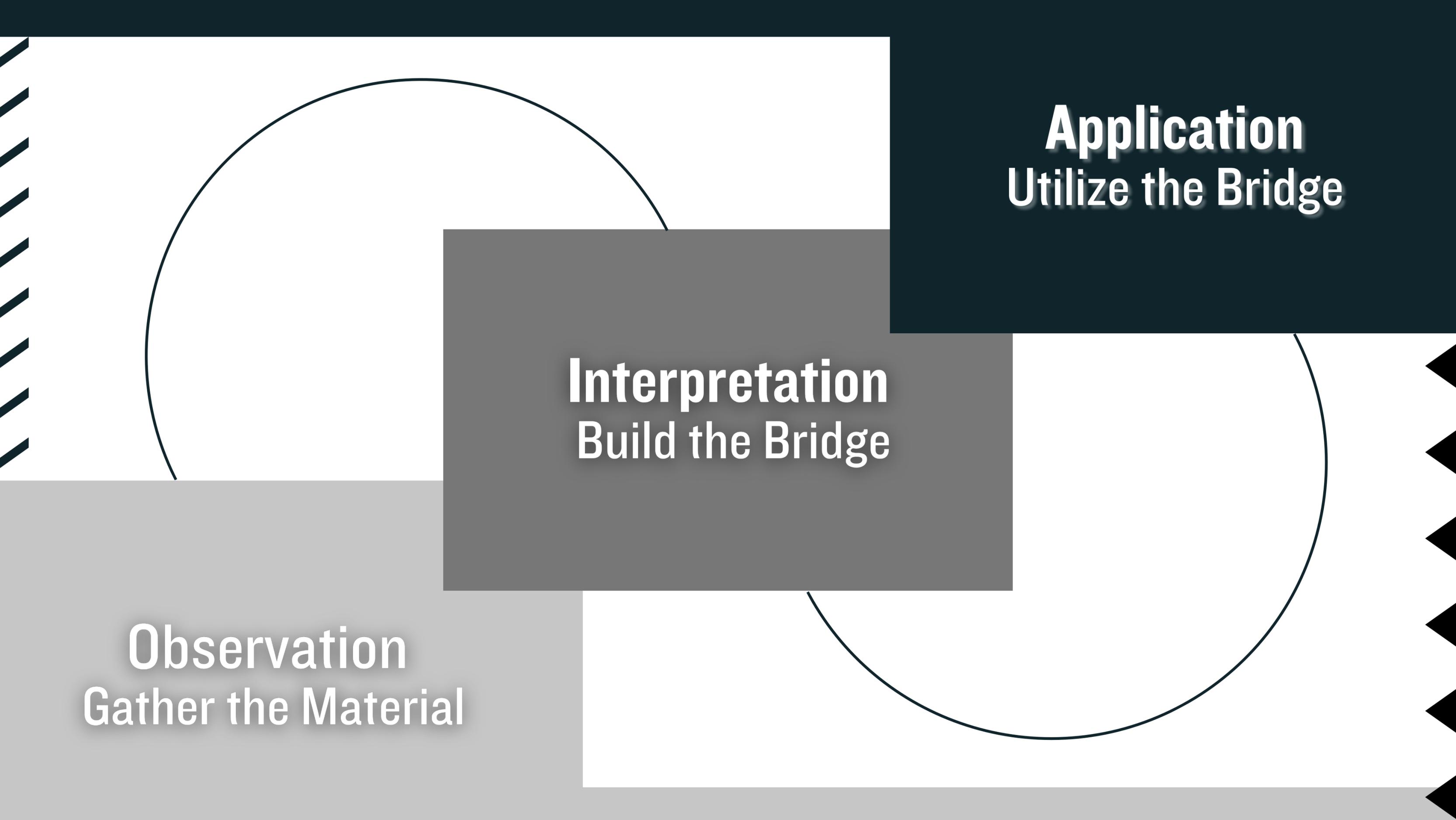
1 Corinthians 1:22-25

**Christ,
in whom are
hidden all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge.**

Colossians 2:3

RECCAP





Observation
Gather the Material

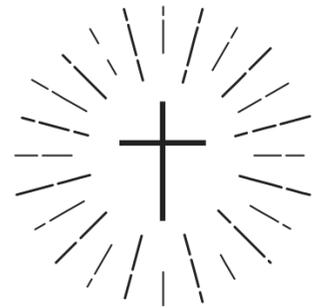
Interpretation
Build the Bridge

Application
Utilize the Bridge

RULE

**While the Bible may have multiple applications
It only has ONE interpretation**

BIBLICAL TRUTH IS THE ULTIMATE TRUTH



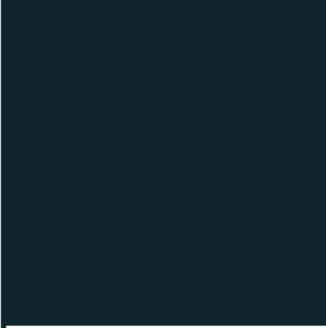
The entirety of
Your word is truth,
And every one of Your
righteous judgments
endures forever.

Psalm 119:160



Every word of God is pure;
He is a shield to those
who put their trust in Him.

Proverbs 30:5



**INTERPRETATION
BUILDS ON THE
FOUNDATION OF
OBSERVATION**

OBSERVATION:

What does the Bible say?

INTERPRETATION:

What does the Bible mean?
Why is this said?

Five steps of Interpretation:

Consider the Context

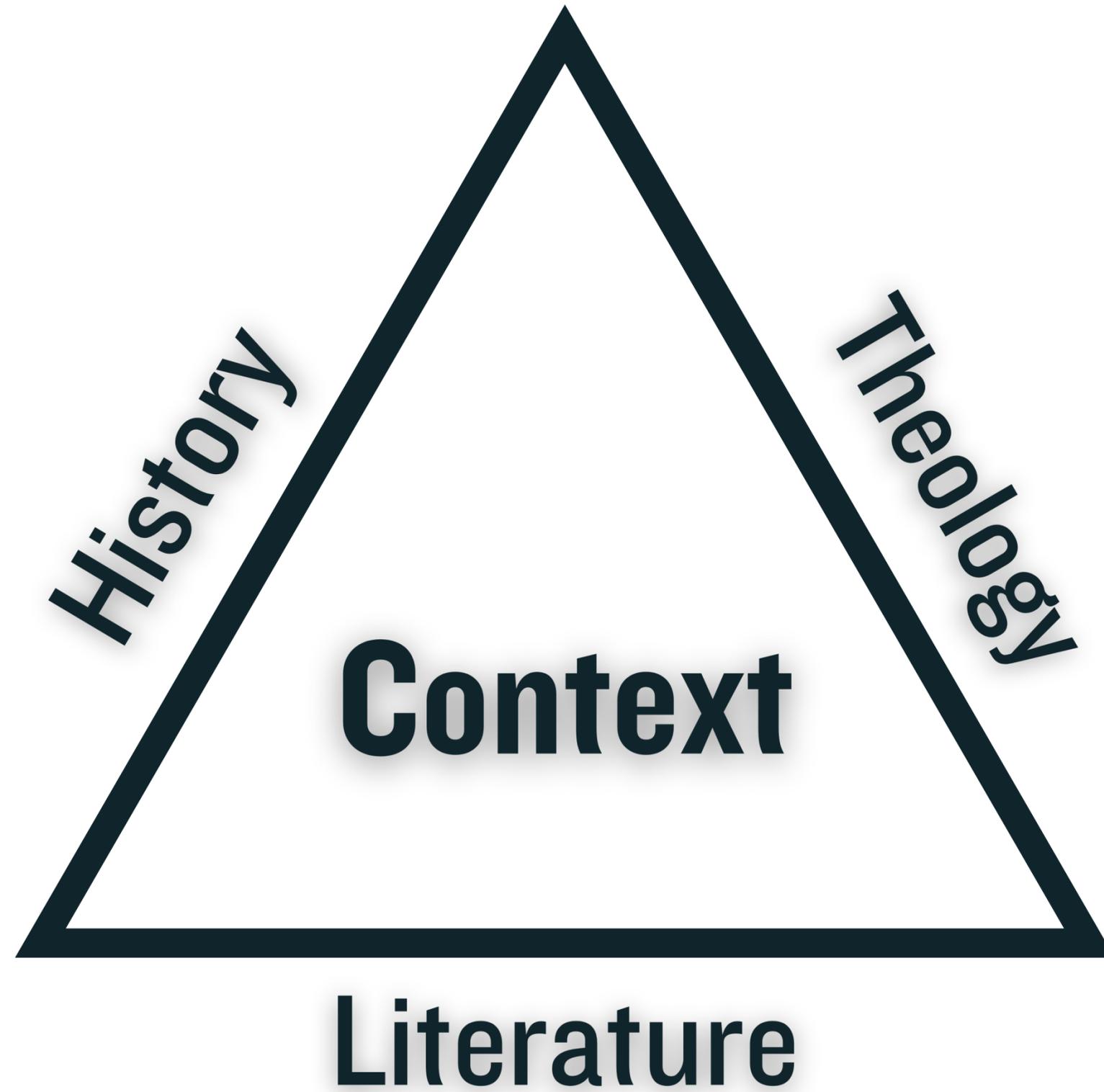
Word Studies

Topical Studies

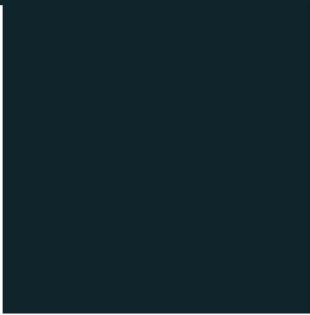
Compare Scripture with Scripture

Confer with a Commentary

Consider the Context



Bridging the **HISTORY**



Historical context is the background information that tells a deeper understanding of the text

Identify **HISTORY**...

Geography

- Where did it happen?
- Where was it written?

Religious Conditions

- God's covenant people & the world

Chronology

- When did it happen?
- Historical/biblical timeline
- Major events

Political Landscape

- What is the geopolitical context? Is there anything significant going on in the world at this time as it relates to this text?

Cultural Traditions & Beliefs

- What was going on culturally at the time?

Social Norms

- Dress code
- Greetings