

The Basics of Bible Interpretation

Lesson 4 – Cultural Considerations

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I. To what extent is something in the Bible _____ by culture?

1. *Some situations, commands, or principles are repeatable, continuous, or not _____, and/or pertain to moral and _____ subjects, and/or are repeated elsewhere in Scripture, and therefore are permanent and transferable to us.*

2. *Some situations, commands, or principles pertain to an individual's specific _____ circumstances, and/or non-moral or _____ subjects, and/or have been revoked, and are therefore not transferable to today.*

3. *Some situations or commands pertain to cultural settings that are only _____ similar to ours and in which only the _____ are transferable.*

4. *Some situations or commands pertain to cultural settings with _____ similarities but in which the principles _____ transferable.*

II. What are some guidelines for determining if a practice in the Bible is restricted to the _____ culture or applicable to _____?

1. *Does the behavior in the biblical culture mean something _____ in your culture today?*

2. *If 'yes', then what is the _____ principle that still applies today?*

3. *How can you express the principle in a way that is _____ in your culture?*

Homework

- Complete the *Cultural Challenges Survey* worksheet.
- Complete the *Foot Washing* worksheet.