

ABIDE 101 • LESSON 4

Thinking Like Sherlock Holmes

Meditate and Obey. Study and Apply. Hear and Do.



SECTION 1 · PROVERBS 18:13–17

The Bad Detective and Sherlock Holmes

*“He who answers a matter before he hears it—
this is folly and disgrace to him.”*

Proverbs 18:13 · BSB



SECTION 2 · PROVERBS 2:1–5

Why the Inductive Mindset Matters

“if you seek it like silver and search it out like hidden treasure, then you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God.”

Proverbs 2:4–5 · BSB



SECTION 3 · THE INDUCTIVE METHOD

Three Stretches of Road

What does it say?

What did it mean?

How do we live it?



SECTION 4 · THE TEN READING QUESTIONS

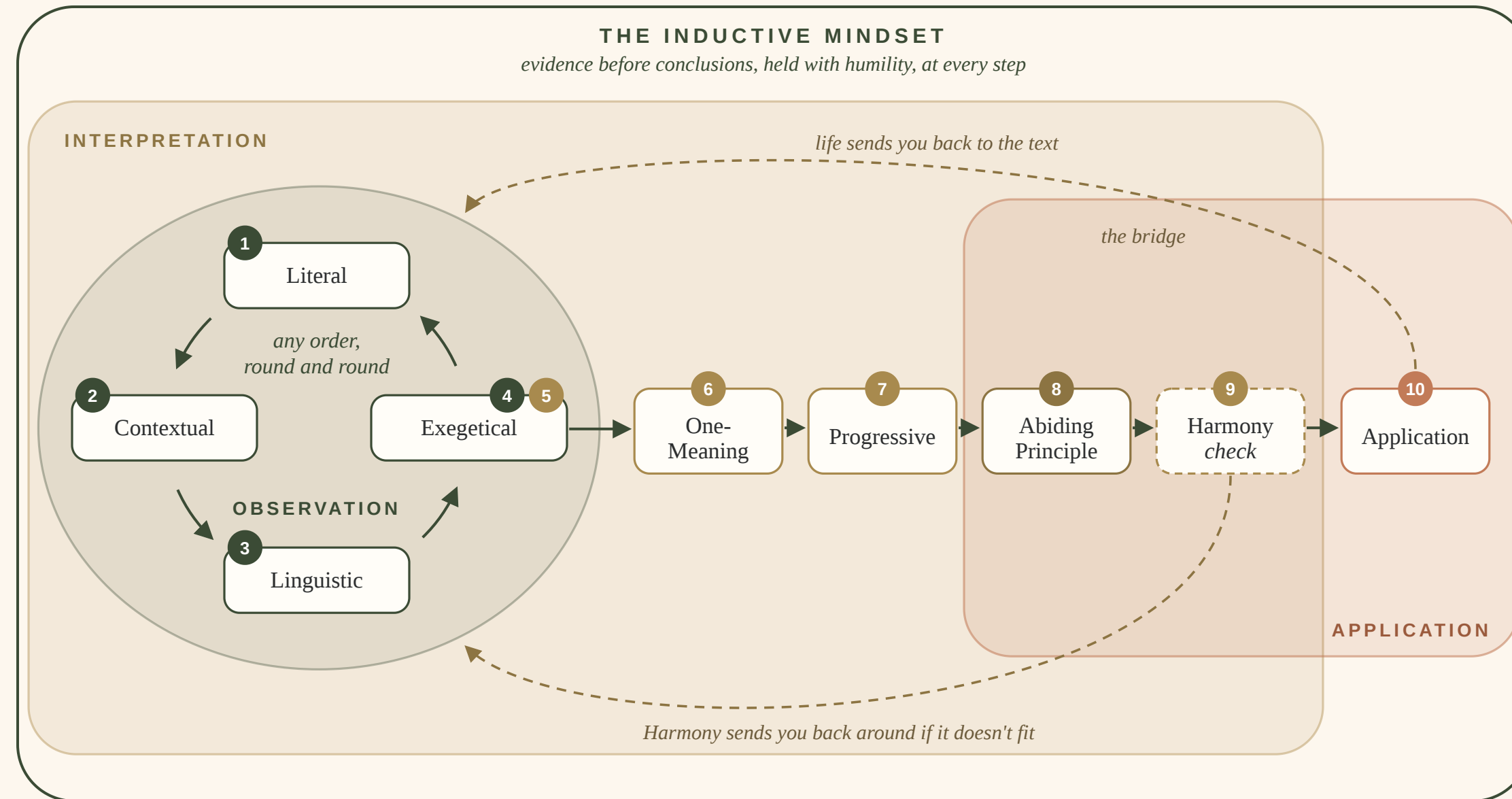
Ten Questions for the Road

Ten questions carry you from the page to your life: four to observe, three to interpret, one to build the bridge, one to check it, and one to walk across it.

SECTION 4 · HOW THE TEN QUESTIONS FIT TOGETHER

Inductive Bible Study

A time-tested method for handling “the word of truth” accurately (2 Timothy 2:15 · BSB)



The ten diagnostic questions, mapped to the stages of biblical interpretation

The ten questions are on the next slide.

SECTION 4 · READ THEM DOWN THE TABLE

The ten questions

#	The question to ask	Stage	Guardrail
1	What genre is this, and what does it actually say in that genre?	Observe	Literal
2	What surrounds it, what did the first readers know, and where does it sit in the whole story?	Observe	Contextual
3	Is there a word where the Hebrew or Greek adds nuance?	Observe	Linguistic
4	What is the Author saying in this passage to the original audience?	Observe → Interpret	Exegetical: out
5	What am I bringing to this text that I need to let go of?	Interpret (posture)	Exegetical: not in
6	What is the one thing this meant when it was first given, before later revelation illuminated it further?	Interpret	One-Meaning
7	Where does this sit in the unfolding story? What had God revealed by then, and what did He reveal later?	Interpret	Progressive
8	What is the timeless, abiding principle that applies to us today?	Bridge	Abiding principle
9	Do clear passages elsewhere agree with my reading?	Check	Harmony
10	How might we apply this abiding principle to our lives today? How is God inviting you to live out this abiding principle this week?	Apply	Application

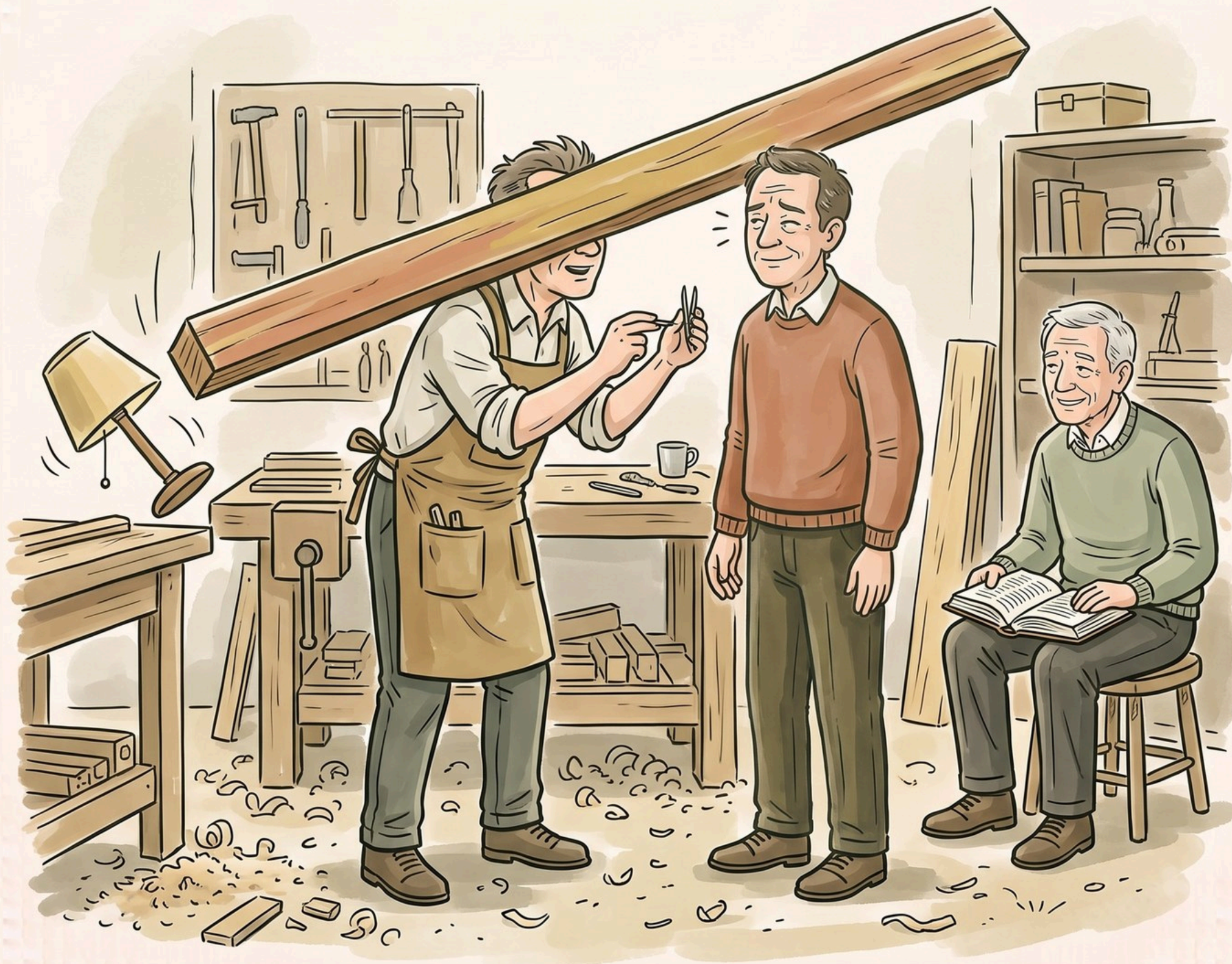


SECTION 5 · THE PROCESS SPIRAL

The Road Circles Back

“There will inevitably be movement back and forth between these steps, but the general flow will be linear.”

Fuhr and Köstenberger, *Inductive Bible Study*

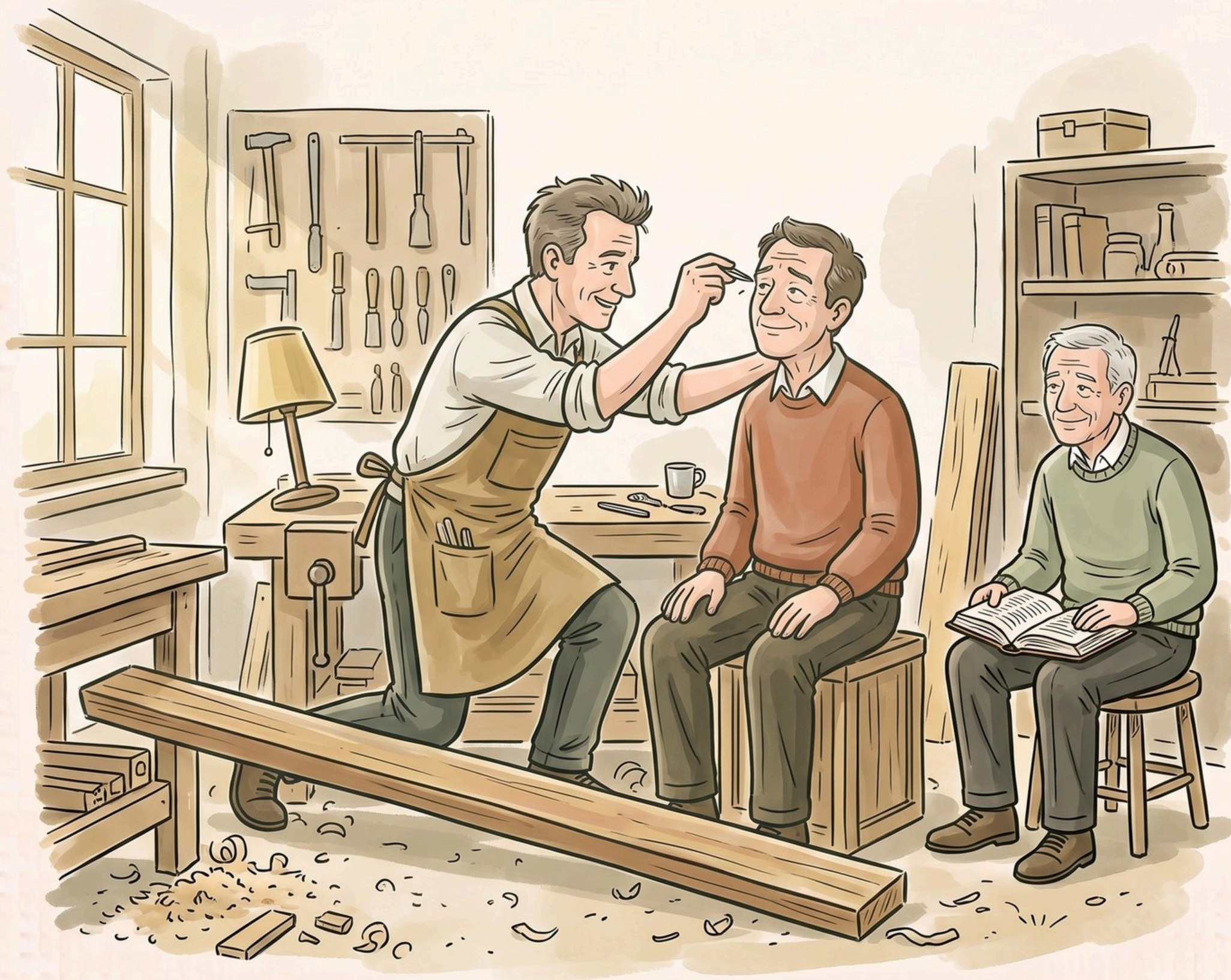


SECTION 6 · MATTHEW 7:1–6
QUESTIONS 1–4

The Drive, Part 1: Observing

“Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye but fail to notice the beam in your own eye?”

Matthew 7:3 · BSB



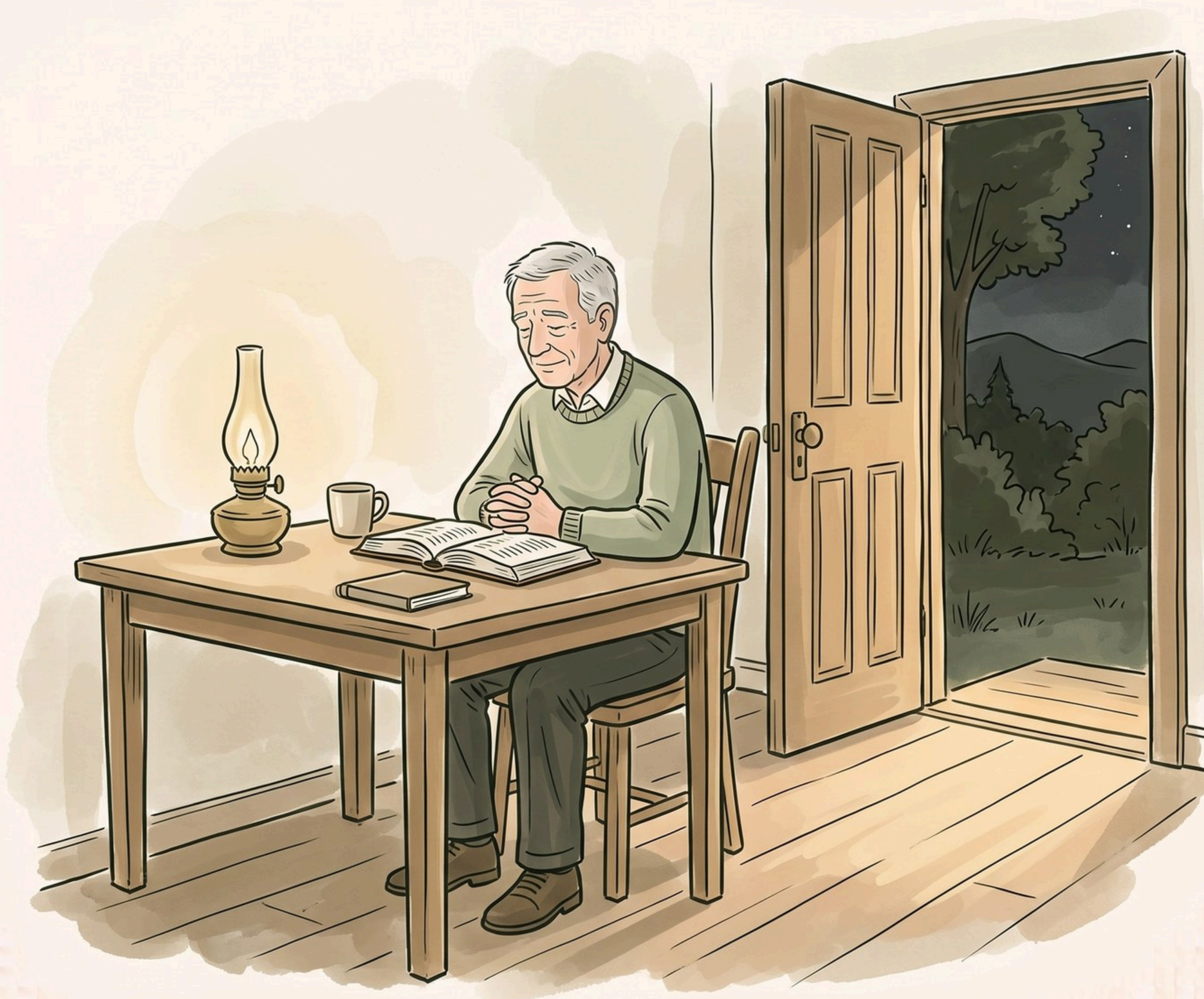
SECTION 7 · MATTHEW 7:1–6
LUKE 6:36–37 · QUESTIONS 5–10

The Drive, Part 2: Interpreting and Applying

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged.”

Luke 6:36–37 · BSB

MSB: “Therefore be merciful...”



SECTION 8 · LUKE 24:44–45

Humble Confidence

“Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

Luke 24:45 · BSB

THE AUTHOR WANTS TO BE FOUND

“Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.”

John 14:21 · BSB

How is God inviting you to live out this abiding principle this week?

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