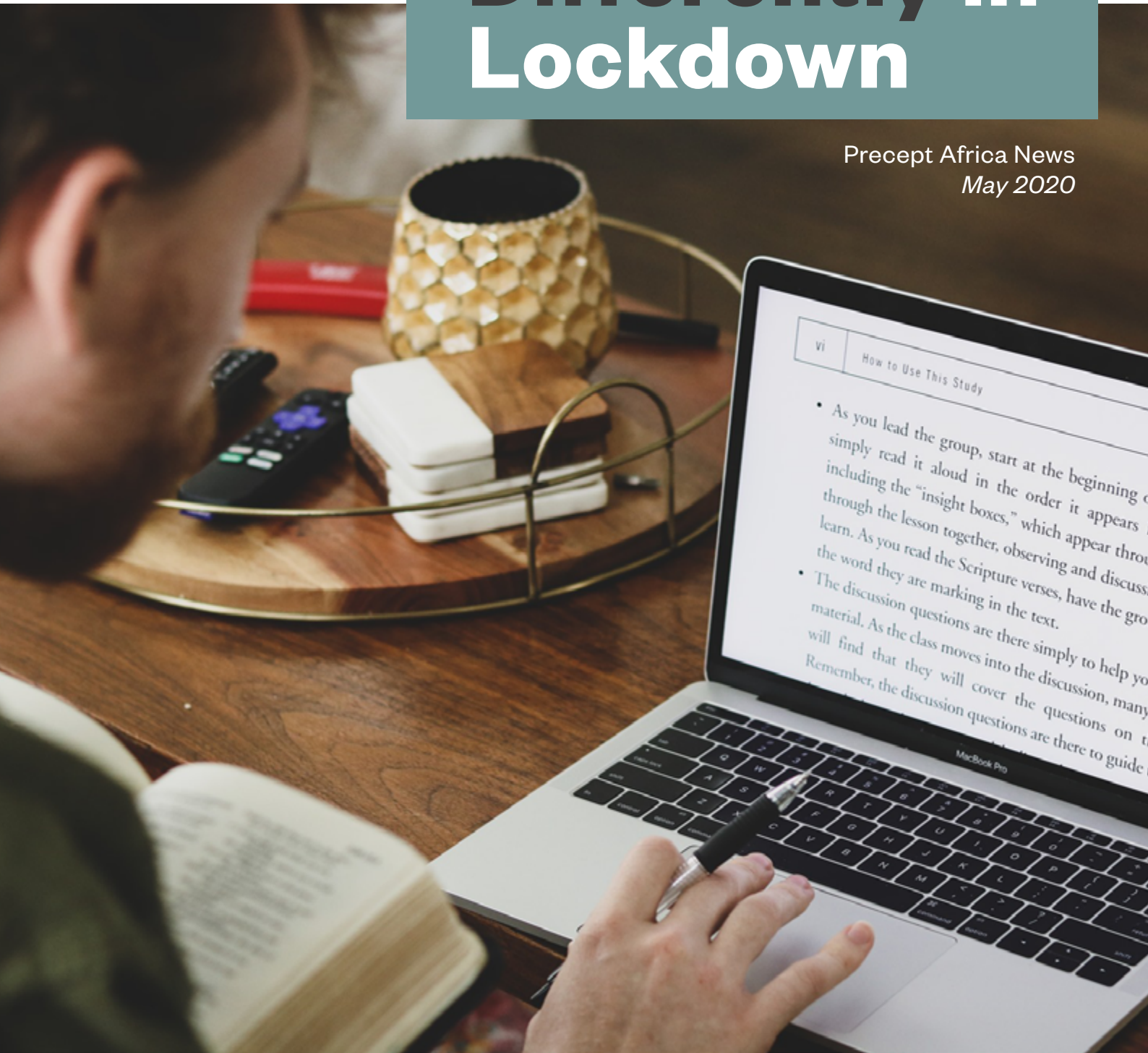


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Where is God?

A note from Stuart



Stuart Kemsley

Global Area Director - Africa



Our mission & vision:

To engage people in relationship with God through knowing His Word.

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To see every believer in Christ living out God's Word every day.

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"
(Psalm 119:105)

May this newsletter
bless you!

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Google trends indicates that the search on "Where is God?" surged dramatically between March and April. **Seven of the top 10 countries that searched this are in Africa!** Africa is desperate to know God!

Stats are showing that people all over the world are searching the Bible for hope and peace like never before. Social media has had the largest increase ever of Bible verses shared. Precept online Bible studies have hit record numbers.

This pandemic has led to the opening of new doors for ministry, new opportunities to fulfil our mission and vision. **God has positioned us for such a time as this.** Such a time where people, now more than ever, are desperately needing to know God deeply. A time where people are crying out for hope as their lives are filled with uncertainty. We need your help to do this!

I invite and challenge you to **join us in this kingdom assignment.** Your financial [partnering](#) will help fuel the ministry and enable us to share the hope of God's Word in these uncertain days.

Thank you for your generosity!

Serving Together,

Stuart Kemsley (Global Area Director - Africa)

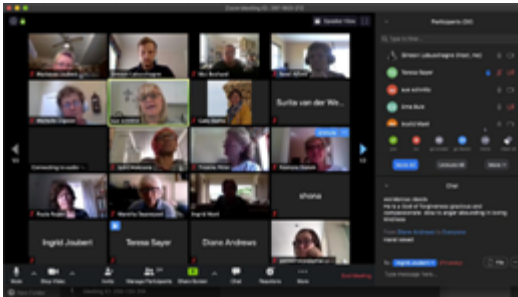
PS. Give [here](#) and partner with us in this vital kingdom mission.

For such a time as this

Digging deep during lockdown

As a team, we've been studying the book of James. At such a time, how apt it is to read the words:

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. - James 1:2-3 NASB



Zoom Online Bible Studies during lockdown

Now is the time to dig deep! Instead of filling our minds and time with panic and unproductivity, let's **study the Word of God like never before!** We believe Precept Studies are made for such a time as this. God's character and promises found in His Word are our only hope to hold on to. **Let's make sure we know what it says!**

We're open for business!

Our Precept South Africa office is open again!

Order a resource from our online store and we'll courier it to you so you can dig into the Word.

[Shop Now](#)

Studying the Bible is more than just head knowledge. It's about life-changing relationship with God.

Watch this video to see how this book can transform your life & your community!





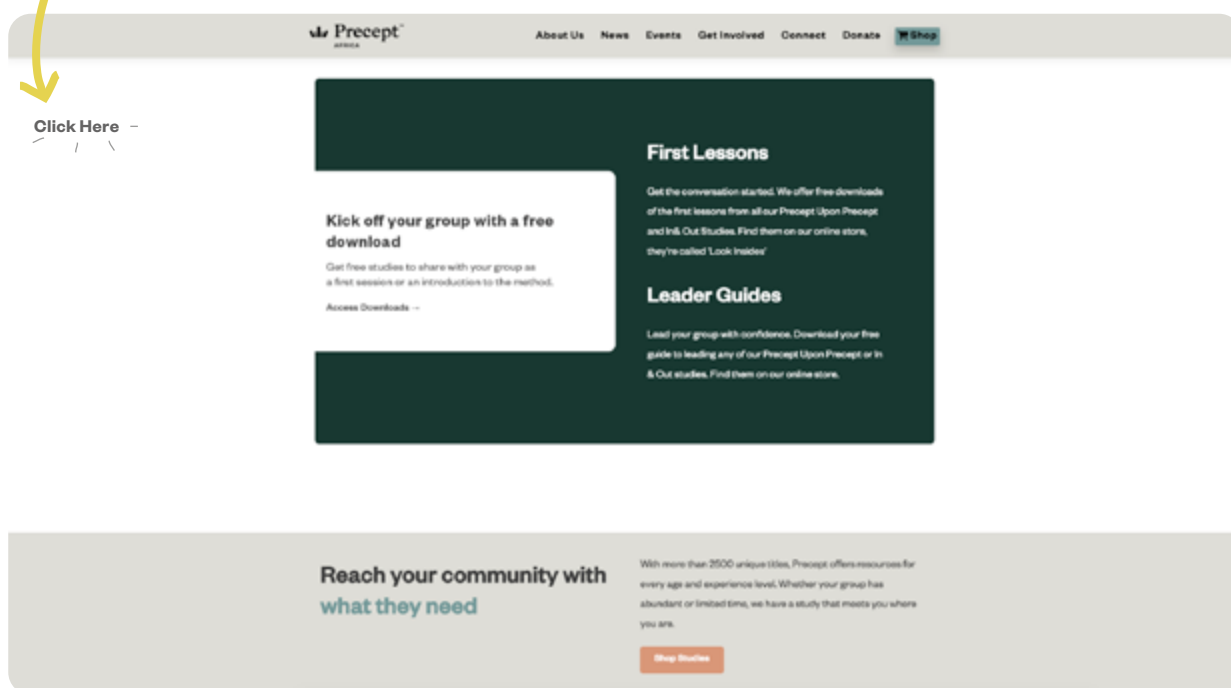
Although you may not be able to meet as a Bible study group for a while,
there are many

ways to stay connected

Did you know that you can still have great Bible studies from a distance during lockdown? We're here to help you do just that.

Whether you're thinking about leading for the first time or have been leading for years, we're here to support you and your Bible study group.

Visit our refreshed website to see how you can grow together through group study with a variety of studies, free downloads, leader guides and more



Haven't led in a while?

Why not lead during lockdown? This is an incredible time in history to encourage those around you through group Bible study. People need it now more than ever!

Leading a Bible study group can be as simple as getting together with 1 or 2 friends via video call!

[Choose a Bible study](#)

**Need more info?
Email us at**

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Living differently in Lockdown

We caught up with these Bible study students to hear how they've been pursuing *knowing God deeply and living differently* during the lockdown in South Africa.



Zarah Zanon

Bible Study Student & School Teacher (Cape Town)

"The Precept online bible studies have been the highlight of each week during this time of lockdown. In the beginning of lockdown, when bombarded with messages and info from all angles, I could feel myself becoming more anxious and fearful with each passing day. However, about a week later, I joined my first Precept online study and **I could feel the difference almost immediately** - digging into scripture and meditating on the Father's words and Truth soon drowned out all those other voices and I physically felt calmer and more at peace.

I have also **loved interacting with people from all over South Africa, learning from and being encouraged by others**. Even as the situation in our country has become more uncertain, I have drawn my strength and hope from the scriptures we have studied together and as soon as I start feeling anxious again, I go back to my notes (and have started memorising many of the scriptures we covered!) Each and every study has been amazing.!"

India Louw

Bible Study Student & Professional Nurse (Hermanus)



"I have done two of the Precept online studies so far and have registered for another one this week on my day off, so I have **something to look forward to** when I am not at work. I think they are wonderful and I pray more people build the courage to go online and join a group."

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Coming Up: Online Studies

Buy any of these studies at **20% OFF** and join us for a **weekly online Bible study** as we work through the **whole study** together!



PUP or In&Out // 11 Weeks // Mon 7pm

In&Out: R65 // PUP: R109

Starting 22 June

How do I live? What does Jesus expect of me? Anxiety, money, prayer, conflicts; how do I handle these? Jesus' Sermon on the Mount answers those questions as He gets practical with what our day to day Christian walk looks like.

Join us for 11 weeks as we study and meditate on the words of Jesus for us, and build our everyday lives on a solid foundation.

Buy Precept Upon Precept study [here](#)

Buy In&Out study [here](#)



40-Minute Study // 6 Lessons

Weds 11am & 6:30pm // R65

Starting 24 June

Understandably, many people are anxious and afraid because of the impact of the Corona Virus on their lives and livelihoods.

In trying times, we have to ask ourselves where we go to for courage. Let's see what God has to say about breaking free from the fear that so easily takes a hold on us.

Buy study [here](#)



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How to Join:

1. Buy your study on our online store
(books will be delivered to your door via courier)
2. Register for the class (Link will be emailed to you)
3. Join our weekly Zoom discussions

A man after God's own Heart

Let's encourage and enrich the men in our lives with these great gifts this Father's day



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God at Work

in Africa right now



Introducing the Precept method over the radio



The radio station technician setting up

Studies on the Radio in Madagascar

Pastor Nirina, our National Director in Madagascar, has been working with a national radio station in Madagascar to host Precept Bible studies. The studies will be in Malagasy, what a wonderful open door!



Online Studies in Ethiopia

We love to see people in various African countries connecting and doing Bible study together in whatever way they can during lockdown!

Here's Adanech, our National Director in Ethiopia, doing Bible studies with some ladies via WhatsApp and Zoom calls.

Making the Word accessible

Family small groups starting up in rural Uganda

*"After 10 weeks of **no church gatherings and no fellowship Bible study meetings**, pastors are saying if they had taken Precept more seriously, they would have been saved the stress they are having right now in this lockdown. They are now desperate to have the 40-Minute Studies in as many homes as possible."*

People are unable to use technology or live streaming to hear the Word in rural Uganda during this time. Local pastors are desperate to get their congregations to study the Word of God in their homes.

Here is one family doing just that! Each family will then share what they've learnt with other families, and so the community grows in the Word of God together, from a distance!



No public transport is allowed on the roads, so Pastor Luke, our National Director, was able to source a truck to deliver Bible studies to rural families!

Exciting stories

before lockdown

Pastor Emmanuel was trained during one of our first visits to one of the largest South Sudan Refugee camps, Imvepi.



He was very impacted by the method and shared that although he had been to seminary for a number of years **he had never learnt as much about God** as he had learnt doing that 40-Minute training workshop.

He now leads many studies in his church and his camp with the Precept method and resources.

He is also a volunteer for Scripture Union (SU), and when he heard about a camp they were having, told them they had to incorporate Precept.

1500 young people from various refugee camps met,



and all of them were trained how to lead a 40-Minute Bible study.

160 youth leaders were identified and are leading Precept studies in their schools, holiday camps and clubs across the refugee camps!



Mr Offei, involved with SU in Ghana, was at the training and is excited to see Precept resources used in Ghana!

The National Director for SU in South Sudan (in the middle, above), said he couldn't wait to see these studies being used by SU **across the country!**



A few of the new leaders raised at this camp.

To support our ongoing efforts in Uganda, click [here](#)

Nigeria

A 2-day youth program

in Osogbo, Nigeria

In early March, these **90 young people** attended a Precept 2-day conference to learn what the Bible says about sex.



As they worked through the 40-Minute Study: *What Does the Bible Say About Sex* together, they not only discovered these important truths, but also learnt how to study the Bible for themselves and how to lead others to do the same.

We are excited because **many of them committed to saving themselves for marriage**. Many are also now leading groups of their own and sharing what they've learnt!



Thank you!

Your prayers and financial partnering with us is enabling us to continue

**Engaging people
in relationship
with God
through knowing
His Word.**

