

The discipling continues

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From Stuart

The nations seem to remain in chaos, bad news at every turn. You are not alone in yearning for good news. As you read this Africa News, may you be encouraged with the GREAT news of all the Lord is doing.



Stuart Kemsley

Global Area Director - Africa



Our mission & vision:

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

&

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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Despite the pandemic and chaos, ministry has continued, just differently. I honour all the Bible study leaders, like Julia (see page 4), who are persevering and remaining intentional in ensuring their groups continue with their studies, despite the lockdown. Many have had to step way out of their comfort zones and were forced to lead using technology. **Thank you for remaining faithful to your calling and for being willing to lead differently!** The huge, eternal impact of what you are doing will only truly be revealed in eternity.

If you aren't leading, don't be intimidated in thinking you need to have a large number of people to start a Bible study group. It can be as simple as just you and 2 or 3 friends spending some time in the Word. Precept South Africa has been innovative and is launching online **4-in-1 Training** in July. This training will prove to be valuable, no matter if you're a seasoned leader or never led before. See page 7 for more details.

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving during this time of great spiritual awakening. So many people across our beloved continent are crying out for answers. This has made us more fervent than ever in reaching as many people as possible with the life-saving hope found in God's Word.

Yes, ministry may look different, but our mission of engaging people in relationship with God through knowing His Word remains the same.

Psalm 9: 9-10 “The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD have not forsaken those who seek you.”

Serving Together,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stuart'.

Stuart Kemsley (Global Area Director - Africa)

Change in Opening Hours

Our Precept South Africa office hours are changing from **1 July**

New hours:

Monday to Thursday // 8.30am - 1.30pm

Don't let isolation keep you from studying the Word!

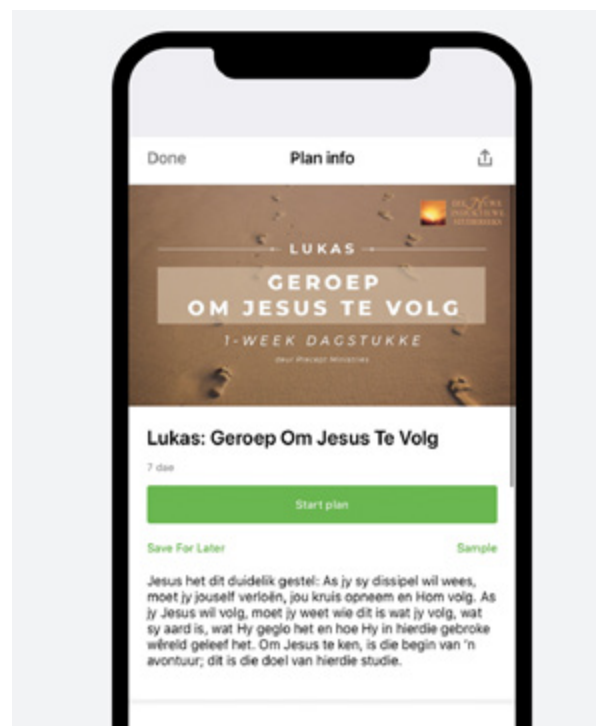
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for new Afrikaans
YouVersion reading
plans coming soon!**

[Current Plans](#)



Leading Differently

We caught up with a local Bible study leader to see how she had to adapt to leading under lockdown. Julia is one of so many faithful leaders who are persevering in leading, albeit in a different way.

Julia Goss

Bible Study Leader, Port Elizabeth



What has it been like for you as leader during lockdown?

At first it felt a little overwhelming when I realized that my whole **mind-set needed to adjust** - there were already so many adjustments to our daily lives with the Covid-19 virus. However, God is so faithful and I'm happy to say my students all responded positively to our moving our Precept classes online.

How does your group stay connected ?

We use WhatsApp to stay connected as a group and use Zoom for our studies.

Unfortunately, there have been many who just don't have enough data to join us. The majority of the students attending the sessions use their video function to say "hello" to everyone and then they change to audio so that they can save data

How has your group blessed you during lockdown?

My students have blessed me SO much by their **hunger for and commitment to studying the Word of God**, as well as how they encourage one another. I am truly blessed to say that we are a family unit. They have encouraged me and supported me while I was learning the 'ins and outs' of Zooming and we have shared many laughs together!

What have you been studying?

We have just completed 1 Thessalonians with 18 students signed up for the course. It was a such a word in season! As we navigated the lockdown, everyone was needing the Word as our anchor. **Continuing with our Precept study brought a sense of normalcy, even though it was online.**

We are going to start 2 Thessalonians on the 15th June and although not everyone can make it due to work pressures, I still have about 15 people signed up including 2 very dear friends from Gauteng! It is wonderful that an online study is now available to anyone who is connected to the internet – we are no longer bound by regions!

Any encouragement for other leaders?

I would love to encourage any leader who hasn't yet taken the plunge to do so. **The rewards far outweigh the concerns surrounding starting something new!** My students were absolute stars as I “found my wings” and they were so happy to be able to do their studies again. My advice to anyone still feeling troubled about beginning is to watch some YouTube tutorials about Zoom and then go for it! In these winter months with the evenings getting dark so quickly, being at home, yet still in class is a huge plus.

To God be the glory – great things He has done!



**Thinking
about leading
a study?**

Take a look at the
next page...

Interested in **leading** a study?



Online or in-person, getting people to Bible study can be hard.

Whether you're using word of mouth or social media, it can often be tough to find new people to join your group. We understand (we've been there!), and we want to make that easier.

How to start a group:

1

Browse our [online store](#) and **choose a study** that you feel would be best for your group.

*Leader Tip: Make sure to take a look at the different **Precept study series**, to make sure the intensity level and content structure will work for your group.*

Buy your book(s) & **download** the free matching Leader Guide that will give you step by step guidance on how to lead your study.

2

3

Tell us about your upcoming study by clicking [here](#)
By telling us about your group, we can help you advertise your class and let others know who might be interested in joining.

You're good to go! Start your study.
Email support@precept.org.za if you have any questions or need help with anything to help you get started.

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Precept 4-in-1 Training

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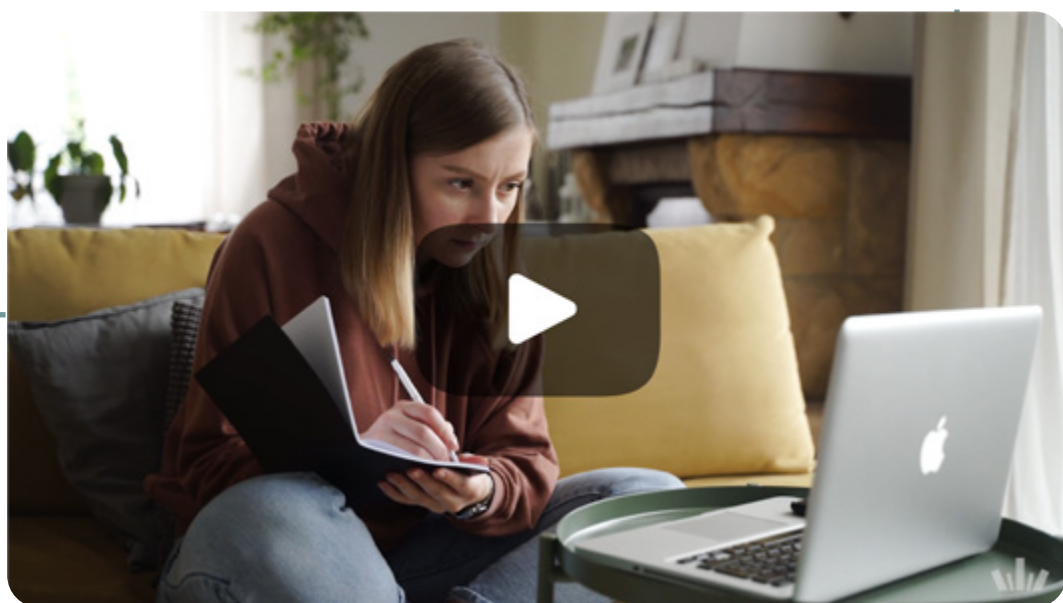
Sharing can be daunting.

God's Word is a light to our feet, a light that's meant to be shared.

We want you to feel confident and equipped to have meaningful discussions about the life-giving truths found in the Bible with those around you.

Get **20% OFF**
Bible studies and
access to **4 free**
online seminars

The Details



Watch the video to see how 4-in-1 Training will give you the **confidence to dig deeper into God's Word and be equipped to lead others to do so too.**

Is 4-in-1 for me?

We all know how it feels.

The burden to disciple someone using the Word of God, but you're unsure how.

Wanting to lead some friends in Bible study, but lacking the confidence.

A desire to dig deeper into the Word, but no idea how to begin.

If this is you, join us for 4-in-1 Training and be empowered to share right from the comfort of your own home!

REGISTER HERE

Don't Miss out! Buy your books today to join!

Join us online

Stay up to date with our upcoming
online studies & training workshops

What's Happening?

*You can still join our current online studies!
Find out more here*

Have you seen this message from Pastor Jimmy in Uganda?

The lockdown across Africa has revealed the true value of Precept studies and training. With limited and very costly WIFI in many African countries, people are unable to stream church services and have found themselves spiritually isolated. This has been very evident in rural Uganda. Those that were trained to study the Word for themselves have continued to grow spiritually. **Sadly, many who were in churches where Bible study was never prioritised have faltered in their faith.**



We have a project in rural Uganda at the moment that we invite you to be a part of. Read about it [here](#) and [help](#) us provide as many families as possible with a Bible study resource during the lockdown. **Your giving towards this project will help strengthen the church in rural Uganda despite the churches being unable to meet.**

Partner Here



Social Distance Network Bible studies

With WIFI being very costly in Nigeria, zoom training isn't always possible. This and the limited numbers allowed to gather due to social distancing, have not stopped Nigeria from being intentional in raising up new Bible study leaders.



Pastor Yemi, National Director in Nigeria has been training leaders to use WhatsApp to do Bible study. These Network Bible studies are proving very effective, **each leader has to do a study with 3 people using WhatsApp**. Once the study is completed, a new leader is identified in that group who will then start a study with a new group, **and so the chain continues**. Precept Nigeria is raising up an army of leaders without actually meeting face-to-face, praise God!





This group in a home for teenage mothers were given the opportunity of being shown how to study God's Word for themselves. With their children at their feet, the young mothers worked through the 40-Min: *How to Make Choices you won't Regret*. They were blessed and encouraged by the redemptive life-saving hope they discovered in the study.

Abiding with Regulations

Madagascar



Church leaders from various churches in Talamaty Madagascar, came together for Precept leader training. It was a day of much needed encouragement for these leaders during these trying times. **They were challenged to return to their churches and to use the training received to start Bible studies as a discipling tool.** The 40-Minute study that these leaders worked through in their training: *Being a Disciple: Counting the Real Cost* is so relevant and needed in the church in Madagascar today.



Reaching the church in Madagascar

This group of church leaders were allowed to attend training on how to use the Precept Method.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:10, NASB



Pastor Nirina (*middle, left photo & above*), National Director Madagascar, continues to persevere in his zeal to see the people of Madagascar grounded in God’s Word.



Thank You!

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