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FORGIVENESS *encounter the depths of* **GOD'S MERCY**



PRECEPT MINISTRIES AFRICA
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PRECEPT MINISTRIES AFRICA ETHIOPIA

JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES:

“Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.”

God not only tells us in His Word that we need to forgive, He gives us an incredible example to follow in the life and death of His Son. Our 40-Minute Bible study, *Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past* is a liberating study that deals with the difficult questions of forgiveness. It is a study that guides the student into what the Bible says on this vital topic. You'll encounter the depths of God's own mercy and discover how choosing forgiveness can free you from a painful past and propel you toward being all that God intends you to be.

This has been the testimony of many women in Ethiopia who have been exposed to the *Forgiveness* study this year. Adanech Abebe, Precept Ethiopia Director has been travelling all over the country to share this study with women there.

Adanech shares a testimony of a lady who attended a conference held in Addis Ababa where she led the group through the 40-Minute Bible study, *Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past*. Adanech tells of this lady who had not had any communication with her family for the last 15 years. Whilst at the conference and upon the realisation that they were doing a Bible study on Forgiveness, she decided that she didn't want to be part of it. She was planning to leave the conference and as she began heading for the exit, heavy rain fell which led her to stay instead of getting drenched in the down pour. After the conference she asked for prayer and after 15 years of living with the effects of her unforgiveness, through this study the truth of God's Word became evident to her, she was able to let go and went back to her family to ask them to forgive her.

*“Our God is great! He is doing marvelous things in Ethiopia.
For all this we praise the Lord.”
Adanech Abebe*



Stuart Kemsley
Global Area Director for Africa

THE VISION OF PRECEPT MINISTRIES

To establish people in God's Word to live as exemplary followers of Jesus Christ, studying the Bible inductively, viewing the world biblically, making disciples intentionally, and serving the Church faithfully in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ABOUT PLUMBLINE

The plumbline is pictured in Scripture as the standard of Truth.

*“Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people...”
(Amos 7:8)*

May this PLUMBLINE bless you!

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Adanech further shared with us that during the conference the ladies were divided into bible study groups. In one of the groups, two ladies started crying and said *“The Lord brought to us his word to heal us. We were sick for a long time with un-forgiveness and today the Lord healed us.”*

Another testimony was shared about a lady who heard about what happened at one of the conferences and so asked to meet with Adanech personally. This lady shared with Adanech how that she had been married to a Witch Doctor for seven years and that in all the time that she had been married to him, she wasn't able to sleep at night.



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AFRICA CONFERENCE 2017

STUART AND TERESA JOINED THE PRECEPT AFRICA COUNTRY DIRECTORS FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN KENYA.

Precept Directors from Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and Ethiopia attended the conference which began with an Overview of Inductive Bible Study using *1 Peter 5*.

After Stuart walked them through the Overview, they were challenged, with great success to apply what they learned to create their very own Overview of *Ezra Chapter 7*. Once they completed their Overview of *Ezra Chapter 7*, they were taken through the Introduction to Inductive Bible study using *Joshua 1* and *John 15*. Together, with Stuart

leading, the group studied the book of Titus.

The Directors also had the opportunity to visit the Precept office in Kenya, which is the first Precept office in Africa and so the group had the chance to see the set up of the flag ship office!

On the final day of the conference they visited an all girls High School in Kenya.

The conference was a great success and in addition to the training much time was spent in prayer as well as strategising and working on budgets for the coming year.

The Lord has done great things in Africa this year and we are excited to see what He has in store for 2018! ↓



Lynne (Precept Kenya Administrator, with Wycliffe and Teresa outside of the Precept Kenya office in Nairobi)



Wycliffe sharing at the High School that the group visited during the conference.

PRECEPT MINISTRIES SOUTH AFRICA PORT ELIZABETH TRAINING

STUART AND TERESA RECEIVED A VERY WARM WELCOME ON THEIR RECENT TRIP TO THE FRIENDLY PORT ELIZABETH.

On their arrival they met with a group of Precept partners, followed by presentations at Walmer Methodist and Harvest Christian Church.

They had the opportunity to meet with the Missions Director at Harvest Christian Church to discuss the possibility of partnering with Precept to bring Xhosa Bible study material to people in the informal settlements there.

On the last two days of their trip Stuart facilitated the **How to Study a New Testament Letter** as well as **Precept Leader Training** workshops.

How to Study a New Testament Letter is a workshop for anyone who wants to learn the simple and basic skills to the most powerful method of Bible study. The Inductive Method gives you the thrills of self-discovery, by exercising

observation, interpretation and application skills.

“One simple word - ‘ENLIGHTENED’. Had a desire to dig deeper into the Word. This is a tool that just lights it all up - opening the well of truth to drink deeper.”
- Workshop Attendee

Precept Leader Training is a workshop that is ideal for those who have studied one or more Precept Upon Precept course and feel the Lord is leading them to disciple other in a group through Biblical discovery. This workshop trains the attendee to lead effective discussions using personal lesson plans.

“Given me confidence that I could lead a course if required.” - Workshop Attendee

Contact our office (+27 21 5311836 / info@precept.org.za) to enquire about workshops in your area. ↓



PRECEPT MINISTRIES SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN TRAINING

IN OCTOBER WE HAD THE BASICS OF PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT WORKSHOP FACILITATED BY STUART WHICH TOOK PLACE IN CAPE TOWN.

It was a full house with students from all over Cape Town who joined us. We even had two students who travelled all the way from Stellenbosch to be here.

The **Basics of Precept Upon Precept** Workshop equips the student to study a Precept upon Precept course and the basics to begin leading a course.

“The workshop has taught me skills that I can apply to personal and group Bible study.” - Workshop Attendee



NORTH WEST UGANDA REFUGEE CAMPS

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US ON THIS VERY EXCITING PROJECT. TRANSLATION WORK HAS BEGUN, BOOKS WILL BE PRINTED AND TRAINING WILL BEGIN IN 2018!

We have two teams working on translating the 40-Minute Bible studies into Swahili. Pastor Luke will be travelling to the refugee camp in 2018 to train the pastors there.

Contact our office on 021 531 1836 or [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our Website for further information about being part of establishing people living in Refugee Camps in Uganda, in the Word of God.

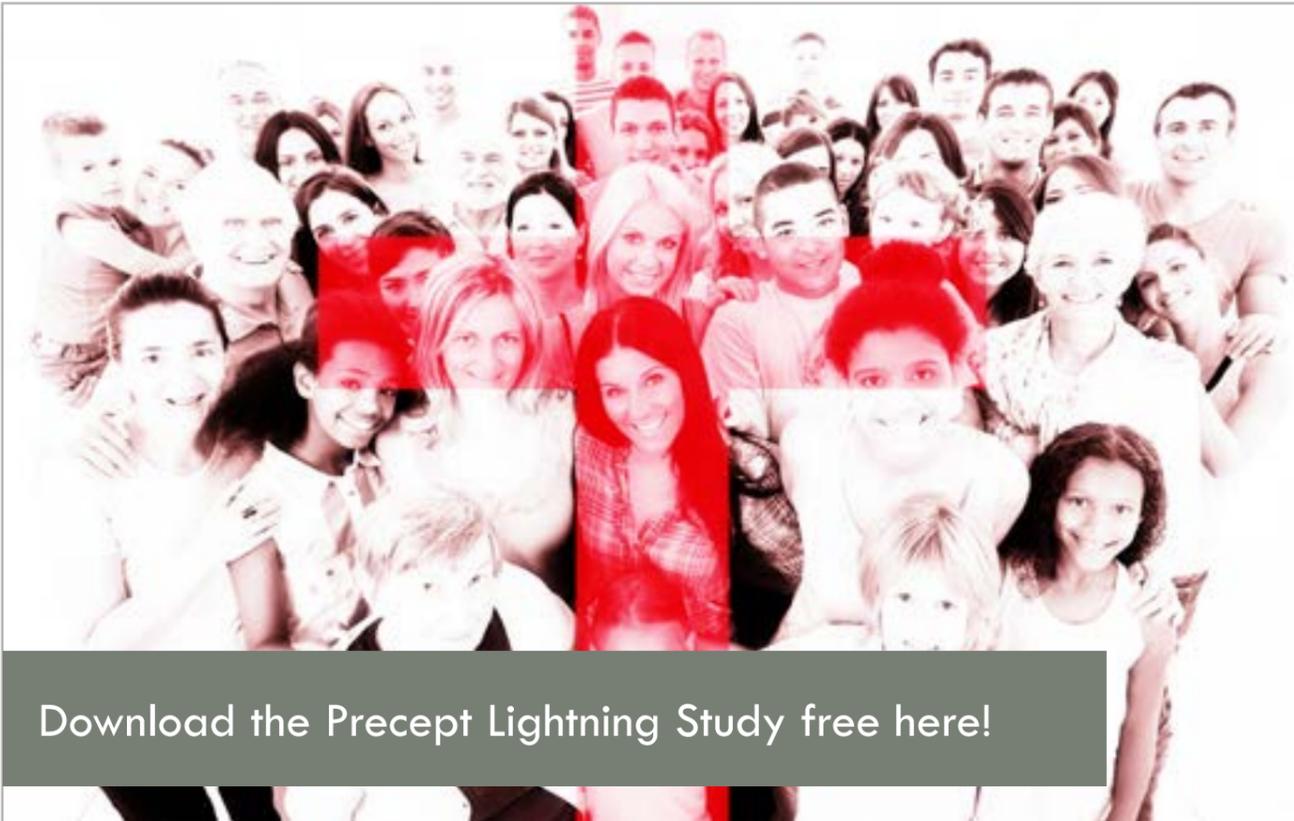


CHRISTMAS BIBLE STUDY WHO IS JESUS?

THE QUESTION IS 2000 YEARS OLD. THEY WERE ASKING THE SAME QUESTION WHEN HE WALKED AROUND ON PLANET EARTH.

A man? A Prophet? A Medical man? A god? A myth? The God? The God-Man?

The world divides history into parts based on His birthday. B.C. or before Christ, and A.D. or Anno Domini (Latin for "in the year of the Lord"). Some people say your life, and for that matter your after life, will depend on how you answer the question.



Download the Precept Lightning Study free here!

MEET THE PRECEPT TEAM: JANETTE WRIGHT

MEET JANETTE, OUR VOLUNTEER
GRAPHIC DESIGN EXPERT!

Janette joined the Precept team in 2010, faithfully coming to the office in Cape Town on a weekly basis to volunteer her time, gifts and talents. Janette is a talented artist and her passion for the Precept mission and vision is evident in the work she does for the minsitry. We are blessed to have Janette on the team!

"I feel so honoured and am so blessed to serve on the Precept team. The team have become my friends and my family. There is lots of fun and laughter in our days, especially the days when someone brings cake!"



1 Timothy

NATIONWIDE PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY 2018!

THE CHURCH THE PILLAR AND SUPPORT OF THE TRUTH

First Timothy presents the most explicit and complete instructions for church leadership and organization in the entire Bible.

False Teachers
Worship
Overseers + Deacons
Advice for Timothy
Widows
Paul's Final Charge

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JOIN US AND THE REST OF SOUTH AFRICA IN STUDYING THE BRAND NEW AND EXCITING *1 Timothy* STUDY AT THE SAME TIME!

WHEN: The week of 22 January 2018

WHERE: Your own local venue (where your group normally meets)

HOW: Purchase your workbook and join the conversation and post your questions/comments on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PreceptMinistriesAfrica/>).