

REPORT ON THE BIBLE STUDY MANUAL

THE BEGINNING OF PEOPLE

The studies availed the students the opportunity of knowing that,

❖ Muslims, Jews and Christians believe in the first five books of Moses known as the Taurat. Implying that, the three religions believe in the existence of one God and creator of all created things and beings. Also, that the world did not come into existence by the activities of matter but through the creative power of God.

❖ We also learnt that, the deceit Satan did to Adam and Eve led to the sin that brought separation between God and the first man and woman he created.

❖ In the Taurat we saw the promise of the messiah (gen 3:15) and the redemption of man in picture.

❖ Again we saw how God chose for himself a man (Abraham) through whom he will take mankind back to the place he intended for them. He continued with the choice of Jacob (Israel) over Esau, the move of Israel to Egypt, their exit and return to the land of Canaan.

❖ Others are the reign of kings beginning with Saul, David, Jeroboam, Rehoboam etc and the prophesies about the messiah by the prophets that operated at different times in Israel.

❖ Another major area visited is the New Testament known as the injil. In it we cover things like;

✓ The messiah is God's word JH1:1

✓ The messiah and the true worship. JH4:24

✓ The messiah is the way. JH14:6

✓ The messiah and the cross JH3:16

✓ The messiah is alive JH20:29

Under this section, we learnt that the injil is the good news, and that the good news is Jesus about whom God revealed to the prophets Moses, David and other prophets as contained in the Taurat, Zabur and other books of the old testament which pointed to Jesus as the savior gen 3:15 and lord acts 2:36.

❖ Other things include knowledge about the people of faith i.e. the church, the bible, the way of righteousness, blessing through the messiah and the judgment day.

In it we came to discover that, the church is the fellowship of people who have answered the call of God to accept the messiah as their savior and lord and that it began 10 days after Jesus the messiah returned to heaven (acts 2:1-47)

That the bible is the inspired word of God, giving to teach truth, rebuke error, correct error, and correct fault and give instructions for right living to the church.

Following that, is the priestly ministry of Christ as the messiah,

- ◆ Saved us from sin and satan (heb 7:25-27)
- ◆ Gives us power over sin and satan (heb 7:25)
- ◆ Gives power over satan and evil spirits (mark 16:17)
- ◆ He brings grace and blessing from God (heb 4:16)
- ◆ Brings us into the presence of God (heb 10:21-22)

We also covered studies on judgment day, in it, we learnt that,

The messiah is judge (rev 5:9-14) and will return to earth on the judgment day to judge (rev 20:11-15). On that day, all people who have died since the beginning of the world will come out of their graves. They will all stand in front of the throne of judgment. Books will be brought before the judge, who is Jesus the messiah. When the books are opened the judge will find in them the truth about every person, nothing will be hidden that will not be made known (mark 4:22)

More so, another book will be opened i.e. the book of life which contains the names of those whose sins have been forgiven. In all we learnt that, the messiah will say to everyone whose name is found in the book of life: come, you blessed of my father welcome to eternal life which has been made ready for you, but for those whose names are not found in the book of life, the messiah will say: go from me, you evil people, into the eternal fire which is made for satan and his angels.

COMMENT

Genuine all inclusive interactive sessions, are in our times today rare to find due to the ever-growing tendencies for the “one man show” and the single champion attitude today. but this bible study period has helped us to see genuine participation in interaction in which everyone was saying his/her mind giving different views without being antagonized.

It was all-together enlightening in that hard biblical truth was given a simplified expression.