

Victory Vignettes

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From the Southeast USA to South Africa: **An interview with one of Teleios' skilled teachers**

Alyssa Kleinhans is a one resident of South Africa, a Bible study teacher for Teleios, and a passionate believer in the power of scripture. She graduated from Covenant College in Georgia with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 2017, and she currently lives in Cape Town, South Africa with her husband and 7-month-old daughter.

Before Alyssa became one of Teleios' Bible study teachers, she was an intern with the Foundation. She spoke highly of its impact on her, citing that "the benefits spiritually were really outstanding." Alyssa now leads weekly hour-long Bible studies for women of all different walks of life through Teleios, and states that the most impactful part of her

work is the relationship that develops from guiding someone spiritually.



Alyssa Kleinhans

She highlights how communicating in depth with the women she mentors has allowed her to see them grow in confidence in God's Word and has enabled her to give better advice. "As you get to know people's lives, you can understand the questions they might have in

context of their situation or their culture," Alyssa explains, "and customize your response accordingly."

The time Alyssa has spent in South Africa has also taught her a lot about relationships: "the thing that's always stood out to me is the people. There's a certain slowness here that isn't really in America," Alyssa says. She talks about how common it is to show up randomly at a friend's house and stay there for hours. "People don't feel rushed," she explains, a stark contrast to the hustled pace and busyness of life in America.

Alyssa also discussed how commonalities of faith can bring together even the most diverse groups. South Africa has eleven national languages, hundreds of others that are spoken, and different cultures intertwined within each. She talks about the beauty of diversity and faith:

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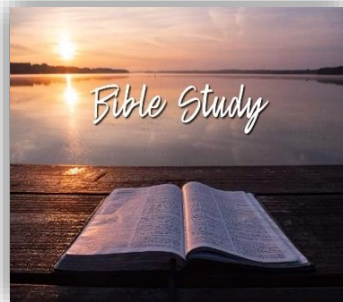
“having differences really makes the Gospel shine in ways we wouldn’t have seen if we were all the same,” she explains.

The church she and her husband attend is relatively new, planted in the heart of Cape Town. Many church members are rediscovering Christianity after a long period of absence, “finding a new hope in the Gospel they didn’t know before,” Alyssa explains. She and her husband are also in the beginning stages of developing a college ministry based out of their local church. Campuses there are relatively secular; few to none have ministries on campus, but Alyssa and her team are taking exciting steps in the right direction. She cites the work they have done so far as an example of the Lord’s providence in their lives.

Alyssa concluded by discussing how highly she values her role as a mentor. “Being given the jumpstart from Teleios to learn how to study scripture has been really empowering to use now as

a teacher,” she says. “We have the ability to infuse the gospel into people’s lives.”

It is clear that Alyssa has a passion for knowing people and teaching them the biblical truths she is continually learning in her own life. “It is such an encouragement to encounter God through scripture,” Alyssa explains. “It’s meant to be life giving.” I encourage you to sign up for a Bible study with Alyssa – it could change your life!



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