



The Christian origins of our Kiwi Cultural views on **EDUCATION FOR ALL** What made our society so caring?

OPENING QUESTIONS:

- Who was your favourite school teacher, and why?
- Which teacher did you most dislike – or feel scared of, and why?
- What difference does being able to read make in life?

Today we are discussing the fifth *Hope For All* booklet, titled **A BETTER WORLD**
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FROM THE BIBLE – WHAT IS THE VALUE OF KNOWLEDGE?

- Is knowledge a good thing, and does the Bible highlight a difference between the knowledge of God and the knowledge gained by study? Proverbs 1 (all growth in knowledge is applauded). 1 Corinthians 1:4-5; 17-23. What do these verses tell us?
- Who in the New Testament was known for his 'great learning' and yet had an interesting attitude towards it when it came to the Gospel?
 - Was Paul a man of great knowledge? Acts 22:3; PHILIPPIANS 3:4-6;
 - What do these Scriptures say about the value he saw in different types of knowledge? GALATIANS 1: 13-14; 1 CORINTHIANS 2: 4-5
- What do these Bible verses say about the value of knowledge? 1 PETER 2:2; PSALM 19:7-11; PROVERBS 1:1-9; 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1.

FROM OUR HISTORY [REVISION OF CONTENT IN *HOPE FOR ALL – A BETTER WORLD*]

- From your reading of *Hope for all – a better world*, what class of people were offered education prior to Jesus coming?
- Who worked to make the Bible accessible to the common people again?
- Why did they decide it was necessary to teach everyone to read – and not just the wealthy? What did doing this achieve?
- What impact did the missionary movement of the previous 250 years has had upon education and literacy *globally*?
- What were the most immediate results coming from the transcribing of Te Reo Maori, followed by teaching some of the first Maori to read? (Maori then taught each other to read, read the Bible, believed it and spread its message across the nation. This led to a cessation of various violent practices and superstitions, and a mending of many personal and inter-tribal relationships).
- Apart from empowering 'freedom of religion' (because reading a Bible enables a person to make an informed choice they might never get otherwise), what other kinds of benefits have motivated missionaries to work without pay or earthly reward to bring education to all?

APPLICATION

- If you were given opportunity to expand your learning, what area would you choose?
- What issues or needs have you seen that have made you feel further education would be an advantage?
- Do you have a desire to help someone else's education? In what area, and why?