

## **Report on the First Forum of the Next Generation Latin America Bible Reading Club**

On Saturday, September 28th, the Bible Reading Club held its first forum, gathering around 38 participants. This meeting was important for the Next Generation Latin America Committee, as its goal was to strengthen the spiritual foundation of young leaders. We addressed the topic: “The Biblical Truth: How Archeology Confirms the Bible.” The forum focused on the critical role of defending the authenticity of Scripture, a challenge many Christians face in today’s world.

The discussion began with a discussion on the doctrine of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. However, it was acknowledged that, while Christians accept the truth of the Bible, providing historical evidence for all its accounts can be difficult. Skeptics often question the historicity of biblical narratives due to what they perceive as a lack of historical witnesses or proof. The forum underscored that archeology has provided significant evidence for many biblical events and that, over time, we can trust more evidence will emerge to support the historical accuracy of the Scriptures. It was emphasized that it is not a question of whether such evidence exists, but when more will be discovered.

The young participants actively engaged, sharing their own struggles and experiences in defending biblical truth. Many raised thoughtful questions and contributed insightful comments, demonstrating a genuine desire to grow in their ability to defend the faith. Despite the challenges, the group expressed a strong commitment to the biblical foundations they hold, and their zeal for upholding and defending Christian teachings was evident throughout the discussion.

As committee members, we were encouraged by the participants’ honesty and passion for defending the Christian faith. It became clear that each one of them is eager to continue growing as spiritual leaders in their respective churches. We believe that this forum is just the beginning of many fruitful discussions that will help equip them with the knowledge and tools they need to face the challenges of their generation.

We are glad to have been able to hold this first forum, as it provided a platform for meaningful dialogue and reflection on topics that are of interest to young leaders, which we sometimes cannot address during the Bible Reading Club sessions. We look forward to future meetings where we can continue to inspire and equip one another for the important task of spreading the gospel and standing firm in the faith.

We pray that the Bible Reading Club, through Bible reading, forums, and conferences, continues to strengthen the faith of its participants. At this time, we are reading the Minor Prophets and the catholic letters with the intention of helping the young leaders gain a broad understanding of the books of the Bible. Our prayer is that they grow as mature spiritual leaders, prepared to defend the Christian faith with wisdom and confidence. We ask for prayers for the committee, that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us with a deeper understanding of the Scriptures, equipping us to serve the new generations of Latin America for the glory of God.

In Christ, John Rhee