

Three years of the EBTC are behind me now. I admit that I was skeptical when this new training center moved here to Zurich, Switzerland. One of my relatives from our church had completed his training at the EBTC in Berlin. He encouraged me with his excited reports. He was one of our youth group leaders, and the fruit of his time at the EBTC had shown itself in his teaching. After two years of the EBTC his teaching became more structured, easier to follow, and he stuck closer to the text than he had done before.

My skepticism was completely shattered. I can testify with a good conscience that these past three years of intensive study of the Bible and equipping for the work of the ministry have been worth it. Without exaggerating I can say that I have grown up spiritually in these past three years. The first year of survey classes made me more aware of the main theme in the Bible than I thought possible before. The love of God that was a reality in those responsible was contagious. In the following two years of studies I didn't just learn to preach and reason biblically, but also much about systematic theology and about God Himself. If I thought that I knew the Bible and God well and was a pretty good Christian before I was in the EBTC, then the Lord truly pulled those "teeth." I thought I knew everything anyone would need to know. Now my attitude has changed, I know that I am still learning.

What I learned at the EBTC I am already using in the youth-ministry and I am very thankful for that opportunity. I want to actively continue the workload and work-ethic that the EBTC got us used to and drilled into us as students. I am excited to discover the many treasures in God's Word—because if I learned anything at the EBTC, it's that God's inerrant and sufficient Word is an endless treasure that could easily fill a lifetime. Yes, *the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.*<sup>10</sup> *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.*<sup>11</sup> *Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Ps 19,8-11).*