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Summer School in the Holy Land, which is a biennial feature of the Down Ancient Paths Travel Study Program at Ambrose University College, has been a truly life-changing experience for me. The sights, sounds and cultures of the world's most conflicted region are enough by themselves to make the experience memorable. The rich educational dimension covering topics ranging from Islam to Christian antiquity to biblical and world history to theology and more made this venture transformational and truly unforgettable for me.

The direction God is moving me in ministry has been deeply impacted by my experience of Summer School in the Holy Land in a way that will shape the rest of my life. The scriptures have come alive to me as I am able to visualize the geography and historical context of many biblical narratives and appreciate the true significance these elements play for the unfolding biblical themes. Educationally speaking this experience has granted me a wealth of knowledge and a yearning for new discovery in a variety of fields that were previously not even on my radar such as Syriac Christianity, Islam and the Middle East conflict. Most importantly, God has used specific experiences on this venture to drive my personal spiritual growth in unexpected ways that only He knew I desperately needed. I feel as if I am on a new path vocationally, spiritually and educationally and I can't wait to see where it leads!



I can't think of a educational travel experience where a person can experience another dominant world culture, encounter God afresh, witness the Holy Spirit at work, transform their understanding of scripture, rewrite a major section of their vocational map, elevate their consciousness about the most significant conflict in our world today and do it all in such comfort, with such ease and at a bargain price.