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Abstract
It is the purpose of this report to present the findings of the author's study with respect to possible adaptations of certain principles and procedures of group Bible study to Brazilian Seventh-day Adventist Church members as a means of Christian nurture.

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Harris defines “nurture” as meaning “to take care of” or “to rear.” Normally, she says, the term is employed as a synonym for “environment,” and it assumes “that what influences children’s development, apart from their genes, is the way their parents bring them up.” The Bible clearly teaches the concept that godly parents must attempt to guide their children in the path of right-living. Let us give consideration to a sampling of passages, both from the Old Testament and the New Testament. Alfred Edersheim, a noted scholar of Israelite culture, has observed that the Hebrews had nine different words which reflected various stages of growth in the maturation process, and that these pictorial designations indicate how keenly
child-life was observed by Jewish parents. The nature versus nurture debate is one of the oldest issues in psychology. We explain the question of which is more important: inherited traits or learned behaviors? However, the issue still rages on in many areas such as in the debate on the origins of homosexuality and influences on intelligence. While few people take the extreme nativist or radical empiricist approach, researchers and experts still debate the degree to which biology and environment influence behavior. Increasingly, people are beginning to realize that asking how much heredity or environment influence a particular trait is not the right approach. The reality is that there is not a simple way to disentangle the multitude of forces that exist. Engaging the Culture How should Christians respond to a culture that contradicts biblical teaching? Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-20; John 1:3, 9-11; 3:16-20; 12:47; 16:8-11; 17:15-16; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Philippians 4:8; 1 John 2:15-17. When and how should Christians react to popular cultural notions that flagrantly contradict Scripture?  Joel Carpenter says the church has changed a lot in the past 30-plus years, thanks to a document hammered out by a small group of evangelicals whose social consciences were hurting. Many people have never heard of the Chicago declaration, but according to this article, it is responsible for turning the hearts of many evangelicals back to issues of social justice and compassion ministry. But have we come far enough?