

# Preparing for Prayer

**A**doration

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**S**upplication



## The Apostles Creed Study lesson TWO prepared by

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I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,

### **I believe**

Hebrews 11.6

What does it mean to believe?

How is what we know different from what we do?

Can a person believe in God and not have faith in God?  
Explain your answer.

## **I believe in God,**

John 1:17-18

What can we know about God?

How is this possible?

What do we learn about God from the following verses?

James 2:19

Numbers 23:19

Deuteronomy 4:24

Deuteronomy 4:31

Psalms 7:11

Psalms 14:5

Isaiah 12:2

1 John 1:5

1 John 3:20

1 John 4:7-8

Were the Samaritans on the right track? Explain

What do we know about God from verse 24?

The word worship means 'to bow down.' What is the key to true worship of the One God? See verse 24

Did Jesus argue with this woman about God? If not, how did he handle her differing point of view about God?

How could this approach be used with unbelieving friends, family or others we meet who do not share our belief in God and Jesus?

How do you view God in light of this lesson?

"Finding God is really letting God find us; for our search for him is simply surrender to his search for us."

-Harry Emerson Fosdick

## Personal application

Why did the Jews refuse to have contact with the Samaritans?

See Ezra Chapter 10 & Nehemiah 13.23-25

*Pastor Bob says that a Honduran dog is treated better than the Jews treated the Samaritans.. A Honduran dog is kicked from birth by everyone and anyone it comes in contact with.*

How do you think this made the Samaritan's feel about the Jews?

Describe the spiritual life of this woman. see verses 19-20

Describe the personal life of this woman. see verses 17-18

Was she practicing what she believed when it came to God? Explain

Describe how and where the Samaritans worshiped God.

What did Jesus say about their way of worshiping God?

## the Father

Mark 14.36

Romans 8.14-16

Galatians 4.5-7

John 14.6-9

Matthew 6.1-4,

see also John 14.8, 9, 14-15, 18, 32

How can these change our perspective of God?

## Almighty,

Genesis 17.1

Revelation 1.8

## the Creator of heaven and earth,

Genesis 1.1

John 1.1

Isaiah 40.38

Additional Study:

What do we learn about God from the following verses?

2 Samuel 22.2-3

Psalm 23.1

Psalm 27.1

Psalm 118.14-15

Lamentations 3.24

Hebrews 13.6

Romans 3.29-30

John 14.6

How much do we know about God before the beginning?

How much do we know about God since the beginning?

How do we know this about God?

John 4.4-26

*Overcoming False Teachings surrounding God*

(READ THE QUESTIONS BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURE TEXT)

<sup>4</sup>Now he [Jesus] had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. )

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked

him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

<sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

<sup>17</sup>"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup>The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<sup>19</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup>The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup>Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."