

STUDENT GUIDE



HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE



MID WEEK STUDY

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(For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus replied to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." ¹¹ She *said to Him, "Sir, You have no bucket and the well is deep; where then do You get this living water? ¹² You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well and drank of it himself, and his sons and his cattle?" ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again; ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never be thirsty; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life."</p> <p>¹⁵ The woman *said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw water." ¹⁶ He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered and said to Him, "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this which you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman *said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and yet you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one must worship." ²¹ Jesus *said to her, "Believe Me, woman, that a time is coming when you will worship the</p>	<p>4 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come,</p>

Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews.²³ But a time is coming, and even now has arrived, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman *said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."²⁶ Jesus *said to her, "I am He, the One speaking to you."

²⁷ And at this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What are You seeking?" or, "Why are You speaking with her?"²⁸ So the woman left her waterpot and went into the city, and *said to the people,²⁹ "Come, see a Man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is He?"³⁰ They left the city and were coming to Him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat something."³² But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³ So the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?"³⁴ Jesus *said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work."³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are still four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest.³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together.³⁷ For in this case the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have come into their labor."

The Samaritans

³⁹ Now from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done."⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.⁴¹ Many more believed because of His word;⁴² and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One truly is the Savior of the world."

see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?"³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Session 1 Introduction

What's the difference between Bible reading and Bible studying?

How would you define the Spiritual Discipline of Bible Study?

Why should we practice Bible Study?

What does the Bible say about studying the Bible?

What is the Bible, and how did we get what we're holding in our hands?
