

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 1 *May 1, 2022*
"Women in Scripture"



OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise that you call all of us to serve. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the different gifts you have given to each of us. May we use these gifts to change lives and transform our communities. Lord, help us to learn lessons from this study and pour out your Spirit that our sons and daughters might prophecy. It's in your Holy name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Galatians 3:27-28

for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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INTRODUCTION

The Bible was written in times of a patriarchal society. Women have hidden roles, but they have much to teach us and played a vital role in the early church. So what does this teach us about today's church?

In the history of Christianity and our denomination we have seen many women stand up for justice, compassion, and the proclaiming of the word. Were it not for the women leading the way over the years the church would not be all that it is today. We need men who are going to lead the way in the 21st century. But, we can't do it without the women. So let's be that kind of church that treasures its Jeremiahs *and* its Huldahs. *Rise up O women of God.*

QUESTIONS

1. What role did women play in the church you grew up in?
2. Why do you think some denominations do not ordain women as pastors? How do you think that affects the church?
3. Were there any women who helped you grow on your faith journey?
4. Genesis 1:27 says that “God created male and female in his image.” What does that tell you about yourself and your self-worth?
5. Women have hidden roles in scripture because the Bible was written by men in times of a patriarchal society. Do you feel it's important to look at these stories today? Why or why not?

FINAL APPLICATION

Write a note of thanks to a woman that helped you on your faith journey.