



Tools to support community transformation

B REVEALING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

Sanitation



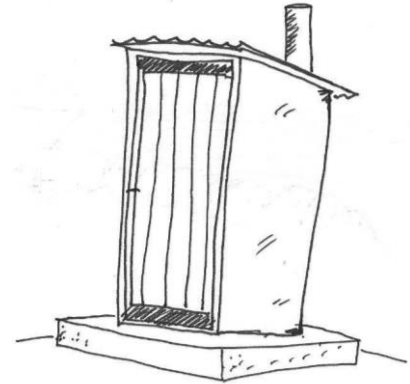
Why use this Bible study?

This Bible study helps us see the importance of good sanitation and hygiene.



Cleanliness next to Godliness?

Read Deuteronomy 23:12-14. There is very little teaching in the Bible about sanitation apart from these verses. The Israelites were given these clear instructions thousands of years ago. However, a huge number of people still lack – access to good sanitation.



Verse 14 talks about how this command was given to keep the camp holy, but the practice would also have kept the camp healthy. God was aware of the need for good sanitation long before people understood about the diseases caused by poor sanitation. Physical cleanness is linked to moral holiness.



Key points

- Many Old Testament laws and practices that are about keeping people holy also help people to keep healthy.



Questions for discussion

- What responsibility do we have to ensure that everyone has adequate sanitation today?
- How much do our sanitation practices and personal hygiene show that we care about our own health and the health of our families?
- How does our way of life cause others to suffer illness because of lack of hygiene in and around our homes?



Reflection

Are there any areas in our lives where God's laws for holiness also show us a way we should live our lives physically such as improving our health?



Notes

This Bible study was first published in Tearfund (2005) A PILLARS Guide – *Encouraging good hygiene and sanitation*

http://tilz.tearfund.org/en/resources/publications/pillars/encouraging_good_hygiene_and_sanitation/

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Related tools:

- A1 – Revealing the need for sanitation: information for facilitators [*A1: Water, sanitation & hygiene-1*]
- B – Hygiene (Bible study) [*B: Water, sanitation & hygiene-1*]
- C2 – Choosing and building latrines [*C2: Water, sanitation & hygiene-4*]

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