

## Belgic Confession, Article 2, “The Knowledge of God”

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 19

<b>Lesson Aim</b>	To understand the two ways in which we know God: General revelation (found in the creation) and Special revelation (found in the Scriptures, the Bible).
<b>Steps to Learning</b>	Read Belgic Confession, Article 2 and Psalm 19. Discuss the sermon and the particulars of the lesson below. It may work best to work through the material over several days or sessions.
<b>What to Understand</b>	<b>A summary of article 2:</b> People can know God only by two means: First, by the experience of living in God’s created world (The knowledge derived from living in the creation means that people cannot claim that they do not know God). Second, God can be known by reading the Bible or hearing it preached. This revelation is necessary to know God for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
<b>Discuss</b>	<p><b>What are some Scriptures that teach us that God reveals his nature in the creation?</b> Psalms 8, 19; Acts 17:24-29 and Romans 1:18-22.</p> <p><b>What is it about the creation that tells us that there is a God?</b> We can observe the creation’s majesty, power, complexity and beauty. These things, together with the logic and order of the creation, lead people to conclude that God created and sustains all things.</p> <p><b>Discuss how we Christians should react in faith to living in God’s creation.</b> [You could discuss things like praising God daily and thanking him in prayer for the world he has made, etc.]</p> <p><b>In what way is the creation lacking?</b> The creation does not reveal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. According to Romans chapter 1, people can only understand that they are obligated to obey God but cannot.</p> <p><b>What do people need in order to understand to be saved?</b> People need to read the Bible or to hear it preached.</p> <p><b>What parts of the Bible do people need to read or hear preached that will tell them about Jesus Christ?</b> In John chapter 5 and Luke chapter 24, we read that all the Bible is about Jesus Christ!</p> <p><b>If you had a friend who asked you what specific parts of the Bible they should read to understand the Gospel, what would you tell them?</b> To first read the Gospel of John and then the book of Romans.</p>
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Genesis chapters 4-9 (covering the great Bible stories)