

Churches for Water in Africa

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**The importance of
Theological and Biblical
Reflection:**

I want to reflect under three sections

- First, a general introduction;
- Second, a Biblical reflection on water;
- Third, an outline of the four topics for reflection and discussion, as given in your programme

- **First, I want us to recognize that we Christians worship a Creator God.**

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- **Second, I want to establish with you that God is concerned about all of Creation,**
- **Third, I want us to recognize that God wants us to establish justice and equity.**
- **Fourth, God wants us to take responsibility for our lives and community.**
- **Fifth, “*We believe in Life before death*”.**

QUESTIONS

- **Stewardship for creation – What does it mean to take on environmental responsibility in the context of the water crisis?**
- **God and the churches' care for the poor – What are the implications of water scarcity, privatization etc. with regard to justice for the poor?**

**3. The symbolism of water for life –
What are the theological and
spiritual meanings of water based
on the Bible and how do they relate
to the situation today?**

**4. Living our faith in communities –
How should we address in our
communities, our churches, our
networks the different challenges
posed by the water crisis?**