Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 10

Who is Balaam? Who is Balak? What does Balak "hire" Balaam to do? What does Balaam do instead? Why? What does this story tell us about the power of God and the power of words? (Numbers 23-24)

What happens when the Israelites camp at Shittim in Numbers 25? Why is this offensive to God? What are the consequences for this act? Who is Phinehas and what does he do to stop God's anger?

Why is a second census of the Israelites taken in Numbers 26?

Who are the daughters of Zelophehad and what case do they bring before Moses and Eleazar in Numbers 27? How does God rule in their case? Why? What does this ruling tell us about God?

Who does God choose to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land? Why? Why is it not Moses? (Numbers 27:12-23)

Why do the Israelites go to war with the Midianites in Numbers 31? What happens to the Midianites? How do you feel after reading this account? Why? What does a story like this tell us about God?

Where do the families of Reuben and Gad want to settle after the war with the Midianites? Is this significant? If so why? What is Moses' response to this request? Why?

How is Numbers 33 like a travel log? What story does it tell? Where are the Israelites camped at the end of the Book of Numbers? What is God calling them to do next? Why?

How is the land of Canaan (the Promised Land) to be divided up amongst the Israelites (Numbers 34-36)? What is a City of Asylum? How many of these cities are to be established, by whom, and for what purpose (Numbers 35)? Why is it so important for each Israelite family to keep the land they inherit within their ancestral tribe (Numbers 36)?

How does God feel about murder? How do we know? What does this tell us about the value of human life? (Numbers 35)

What type of literature is the Book of Deuteronomy? How does this differ from the other books of the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers)? What is Moses recounting in the first three chapters of Deuteronomy? Why?