

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 12

What does Moses tell the Israelites will happen to them if they listen to God and follow all of God's commandments? What will happen if they don't? What does this say about the character of God? (Deuteronomy 27-28)

What does Moses place before the Israelites in Deuteronomy 30:15-20? What does he ask them to choose? Why?

What is Moses doing for the Israelites in Deuteronomy 31-33? Why?

What is the "scene" for the ending of the Book of Deuteronomy? What does God do for Moses before he dies (Deuteronomy 34)? Is this a blessing or a curse? Why?

Why do you think Psalm 91 was included in the chronological order of readings immediately following the final chapters of the Book of Deuteronomy?

The twelve biblical books from Joshua to Esther are traditionally known as "the history books" of the Bible. How do these books differ from the "history" textbooks we have today? What and whose history are they revealing?

Why do you think the Israelites had to spend forty years in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land?

Who is Rahab? What does she do for the Israelites? Why? What is her reward? (Joshua 2)

How do the Israelites cross the Jordan River? Why is this significant? What did it tell the Israelites then and what does it tell us about the power of the presence of God today? (Joshua 3-4)

What does Joshua see in his vision/dream in Joshua 5:13-15? What do you think this signified for him?

How do the Israelites take the city of Jericho (Joshua 6)? Why are they successful in that military campaign but fail when they try to take Ai for the first time (Joshua 7)? How do they eventually gain victory at Ai (Joshua 8)?

Why do Joshua and the Israelite leaders allow the people of Gibeon to live (Joshua 9)? What does this say about the power of a promise? Does our culture still feel the same way about keeping promises? Why or why not?

What supernatural event occurs in Joshua 10:12-14? What is the significance of this event? How did it impact the relationship between God and humanity?

What is the definition of a “holy war” and how does it relate to the Book of Joshua? How do you feel after reading the stories about the Israelites conquest of the Amorite kings and their peoples (Joshua 10-11)? Why? Has your image of God changed after reading these stories? Why or why not?