

**Bible Challenge 2014**  
**Going Deeper – Questions for Readings**  
**Week 14**

**What life lessons do we learn from Abimelech's story (Judges 9)? What will pride and the pursuit of power earn us?**

**Why do you think the Israelites turned to foreign gods like Baal? What gods do we turn to when we turn away from God? How were the Israelites brought back into right relationship with God in the time of the Judges? How are we today?**

**What promise does Jephthah make to God? Why? What is the moral of Jephthah's story? What is it meant to teach us? (Judges 11)**

**What does it mean that Samson was dedicated to God as a Nazirite? From where did Samson gain his strength? How does he lose it? What is the moral of Samson's story? What is it meant to teach us? (Judges 13-16)**

**Why do you think the story of the Levite and his concubine (Judges 19-20) was included in the biblical story? What does it teach us about the nature of human beings?**

**Why did Ruth choose to follow Naomi? What covenant did she make with her? Why was this significant?**

**What role does Ruth play in the history of Christianity? Is this significant? Why or why not?**

**How is God working and acting in Ruth's story? How do we know?**

**What does Hannah do for her son, Samuel? Why? What does God call Samuel to do? Why? What is Samuel's response to God? What can we learn from Samuel's "call" story and how can we apply it to our own living? (1 Samuel 1-3)**