

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 17

Why do you think the chronological reading plan we are following skips from 2 Samuel 4 to 1 Chronicles 1-10?

What is the focus of 1 Chronicles 1-9? Why do you think these chapters were included in the canon of Holy Scripture? What do these chapters tell us about God?

Was the story in 1 Chronicles 10 familiar to you? Why? What is repetition in the Bible supposed to signify to us?

What is being described in Psalm 45? Why? What is it meant to symbolize?

What reality of life is the Psalmist describing in Psalm 49? How are we encouraged to live with this reality? What are we discouraged from doing?

What and where is the “dwelling place” of God that the Psalmist describes in Psalm 84? What does this Psalm tell us about the role and importance of this “place” in the life of the Israelites?

How does the Psalmist come to testify that there is “nothing on earth I desire other than you [God]”? (Psalm 73:25) Whom did the Psalmist desire before making this testimony of faith? Why? Is God “all we want” in life? Why or why not?

What does Psalm 77 tell us about where the power of prayer can lead us? (Hint: Compare and contrast verses 1-10 with 11-20)

What story is being retold in Psalm 78? Why? What was the Psalmist trying to remind the people of Israel about in that time? What is this Psalm meant to remind us about today?

What Jewish festival is being referred to in Psalm 81? What plea is being made to the Israelites in this Psalm and by whom? Why?

Compare and contrast Psalm 88 with Psalm 92. How are they similar? How are they different? What do they reveal about God? What do they reveal about prayer?