

**Bible Challenge 2014**  
**Going Deeper – Questions for Readings**  
**Week 18**

**What does it mean to be sovereign? Why does the author of Psalm 102 feel this is such an important characteristic of God's nature? Do you feel the same way? Why or why not?**

**How are Psalm 103 and 104 testimonials for why we should intentionally take time every day and every week to worship God?**

**In 2 Samuel 5:1-5 and 1 Chronicles 11:1-3, David is anointed as the king who will shepherd the people of Israel. How does this shepherd metaphor change the idea and expectation of how David is to rule as Israel's king? How will this be different from the way Saul ruled as king?**

**Why is unity (getting along with one another) viewed as such a good and pleasant thing by the Psalmist in Psalm 133? How does being united benefit our lives and the lives of others? What does Psalm 133 tell us about the value of community?**

**According to the Psalmist in Psalm 106 and 107, what brings about God's compassion and forgiveness for human beings? What strengthens the relationship between God and humanity? How are we called to respond to God's compassion and forgiveness? In what ways can we demonstrate this in our daily living?**

**What was symbolic and significant about David bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem? What did it say to the people of Israel and the rulers of other nations? (2 Samuel 6 and 1 Chronicles 13)**

**Why was Michal (Saul's daughter) so upset with David in 2 Samuel 6:20-23)? What was his response to her? What does this tell us about how we are to worship God? (see also 1 Chronicles 16)**

**What is the difference between the way of the righteous and the way of the wicked according to the author of Psalm 1?**

**What are kings and rulers warned against doing in Psalm 2? Why? What are they called to do instead?**

**What are we called to do if we want to live a righteous life before God? (Psalm 15)**

**Why do you think Psalm 23 is most often read and prayed at a funeral/memorial service? What is the author of this Psalm (David) proclaiming about God? Do you believe this to be true? Why or why not?**

**How is Psalm 24 tied to David's command to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem?**

**What place does music have in the worship of God? Is it important? Why or why not? (2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 16, Psalm 47, Psalm 100)**

**What is the covenant that God makes with David? (Psalm 89, 132:11-12) What role does this covenant play in the history of Christianity?**

**What kind of judge is God? Why is this attribute being lifted up and praised by the author of Psalm 96?**