

**Bible Challenge 2014**  
**Going Deeper – Questions for Readings**  
**Week 42**

**Why do you think Jesus tells the man who is cleansed of the unclean spirit (Mark 5:1-20) to go and tell his friends and family about everything God has done for him (Mark 5: 19) yet tells Jairus and those who witness his daughter's resurrection to tell no one about what they have seen (Mark 5:43)?**

**What does Jesus mean when he says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"? (Matthew 9:37, NRSV)**

**What similarities and differences do you find in the story of Jesus feeding the multitudes in all four gospels? Why do you think this is considered a miracle story? Are you inspired by this story? Why or why not? (Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-14)**

**What does Jesus mean when he says, "I am the bread of life"? (John 6:48) How does this relate to our understanding of the sacrament of Holy Communion?**

**According to Jesus, what is it that defiles a person or causes them to sin? Why are the Pharisees offended by this claim? (Matthew 15:10-20, Mark 7:14-23)**

**What is Peter's response when Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Why is his testimony about Jesus a momentous declaration? According to Matthew 16:17-19, what does Jesus promise to do for Peter after hearing his declaration? Why? Why does Jesus order his disciples not to tell anyone about who Peter declares him to be?**

**What is the Transfiguration? Why is it celebrated each year in the life of the church? Why do you think the Gospel of John does not include a transfiguration story? (Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36)**