

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 50

What metaphor does Paul use to describe how Gentiles (non-Jews) go from being “outsiders” to “insiders” in God’s covenant with Israel? Why? What does Paul say Gentiles should do in response to this act of grace by God? Why? (Romans 11-13)

How, according to Paul, are we to build one another up in the Body of Christ (the church)? What things are we to avoid doing to one another? Why? (Romans 14)

What does Paul do after he is arrested and brought before the Jewish High Council in Jerusalem? Why? Was this a courageous act? Why or why not? (Acts 21-23)

Paul argues that he was arrested and put on trial for primarily espousing and teaching what belief? Why do you think this belief was so controversial in Paul’s day? (Acts 24-26)

What did Paul do for the two years he was under “house arrest” in Rome? What does this tell us about what is essential for doing ministry and being the church today? (Acts 28)

What is Paul’s Christology (his beliefs about Christ)? How does Christ transform our lives? What are we without Christ? What are we with Christ? (Colossians)

Who is Philemon? Who is Onesimus? Why does Paul write to Philemon on Onesimus’ behalf? What does Paul want Philemon to do for Onesimus in the name of Christ? What does this letter teach us about how Christians are to treat their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?

What do you believe is the central message of Paul's letter to the Ephesians? How are we called to live in response to God's gift of grace in Christ? How are we to live as individuals? How are we to live in relationship with others? What spiritual practice are we to use most often to help us live the life God calls us to live? Why?