

**Bible Challenge 2014**  
**Going Deeper – Questions for Readings**  
**Week 51**

**What is the “goal” of life that Paul says he is “pressing on” towards? How can that goal be achieved? What obstacles do we need to avoid? How will prayer assist us? (Philippians 3-4)**

**Who is Timothy? To what community is he ministering? What does Paul instruct Timothy to teach this community of believers? Why? What advice does Paul give to Timothy as a young pastor? Why? (1 Timothy)**

**Who is Titus? To what community is he ministering? What are the major tasks Paul assigns Titus to accomplish? What characteristics does Paul argue are the most important to look for in a leader of the church? Why? What does Paul tell Titus is the best way to instruct men and women in the Christian faith? Why? (Titus)**

**According to Peter, what role does suffering play in Christian life? How are we redeemed by Christ’s suffering? How did Christ set an example for us in regards to enduring suffering? What are the results of suffering in our life of faith? (1 Peter)**

**To whom is the Book of Hebrews written? Why? What was the purpose of the Messiah coming in the form of a human being? What role does the resurrected Christ now play for all of humanity? Why is this important to understanding the idea of salvation? Why can we trust completely in God’s promises in Christ? (Hebrews 1-8)**

**According to the author of Hebrews, what “power” does the blood of Christ have in our lives and the world? Why? What is the “new covenant” that God made with humanity through Christ’s death and resurrection? What covenant did this replace? Why? How did Christ’s sacrifice impact our ability as human beings to be in relationship with God? Why? (Hebrews 9-10)**

**According to the author of Hebrews, what does it mean to have faith? How is a person of faith's vision or focus different than a "non-believer"? Who does the author lift up as examples of faithful believers? Why? What did they do? What is the goal of living a faith-filled life? How are people to remain disciplined in living this kind of life? What can we be assured of if we live a life of faith? How do we know? (Hebrews 11-13)**