

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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# WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG & GOD IS SMALL

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*Study Guide: Chapter 12 - "Love Your Brother and Sisters"*

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1. How does Gal 6:10 describe our particular calling to love our church family? (195)
2. Read Acts 2:41. What was assumed when people were converted during the time of the book of Acts?
3. What does American culture emphasize that is different from most of the world and history? (196) How can this fight against the truth of Eph 2:19?
4. What are three reasons that people may talk of the church as an enemy rather than family? (197-198)
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
5. What is a close companion with the fear of man. (198)
6. Can you, individually, keep all the commands given in the NT? (198-199)

## THE CORPORATE IMAGE OF GOD

6. What is the foundation for God's teaching on oneness, love, and family? What verse describes God's unity? (199)
  
7. What are some examples of the OT's corporate emphasis? (200)
  
8. What practical suggestion does the author suggest as an "excellent remedy for the fear of man"? (201)
  
9. How does Psalm 133 describe the blessing of Unity? (201-202)
  
10. What happens when we fear other people and isolate or protect ourselves from them? (202)

## UNITY AND LOVE – A BIBLICAL PRIORITY

11. What has God given to the body to bring us to unity? (Eph 4:13) List some examples. (203)
  
12. Can you find your spiritual gift in isolation from the body? (204)
  
13. What are some of the roadblocks to unity about which Paul confronted the Corinthians? (205-206)

14. What is the result when people act as isolated, selfish individuals? (206)
15. About what two kinds of sins should examine ourselves before the Lords supper? (also called communion) (206)
16. How does unity guarantee that the life of the Christian will be filled with greater joy and sorrow? (207-208)

#### JESUS PRAYER FOR OUR UNITY

17. What is the example we are to follow for our unity according to John 17:11? (208-209)
18. What does unity and love mean according to teachings of Scripture? (209-210) Is it all rainbows and unicorns?

#### YOU ARE GOD'S TABERNACLE

19. Where is God's earthly home today according to 1 Cor 3:16? (210)

#### ENEMIES, NEIGHBORS, AND THE BODY: IN THEIR DEBT

20. What three shapes of people do we love? What is our duty to each? (211)
21. What three things does the author list as "not necessarily the same as love" (214)

***Big Idea:** We cannot live out our Christianity in a vacuum. We must be an active part of a church to follow Christ.*