

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – September 18 – 23**  
***Doing Life Together – Community of Unity Pt 2***

**MONDAY:** Colossians 3:12, 2 Corinthians 6:6

**KEY VERSE:** Philippians 2:1

**OBSERVATION:** Most of our close relationships are based on commonalities—what we share in common. With relatives, it may be the blood we share in common. With friends, it may be a common ethnicity or hobby. But as Jesus followers, those things we hold in common is also empowered. The grace to be unified has been given by God, and we must appropriate and access it. Since God has given us all these resources—all these supernatural empowerments—we should be a unified church.

**TUESDAY:** Romans 15:5, Philippians 4:2

**KEY VERSE:** Philippians 2:2

**OBSERVATION:** Disunity always begins in the heart—the mind, will, and emotions—before it manifests outwardly. Therefore, if we are going to be a unified people, we must work on the inner man; for it is from the inner man that all divisions come. James 4:1 says this: “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?”

**WEDNESDAY:** Romans 12:10, Ephesians 5:21, Colossians 3:12

**KEY VERSE:** Philippians 2:3-4

**OBSERVATION:** If believers are going to be unified, they must have the right practice. They must forsake selfish ambition and vain glory. They must practice the humility of a servant. They must take care of their own interests in obedience to God, and finally they must look out for the interests of others. These are essentials for unity.

**THURSDAY:** Ephesians 4:13, Colossians 3:14

**KEY VERSE:** Ephesians 4:3

**OBSERVATION:** Spirit-rooted, Christ-manifesting, truth-cherishing, humbly-loving unity is designed by God to have at least two aims: a witness to the world, and an acclamation of the glory of God. The apostle John makes the first of these most clear. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34–35).

**FRIDAY:** John 10:30, John 17:3, John 10:38

**KEY VERSE:** John 17:21-23

**OBSERVATION:** In John 17, we find the longest recorded prayer of Jesus. Over and over in the space of only three verses Jesus emphasized unity, saying, “May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me. I have given them the glory You have given Me. May they be one as We are one. I am in them and You are in Me. May they be made completely one, so the world may know You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me” (vs. 21-23). If unity is important to Jesus it should be important to us.

**SATURDAY:** 1 Corinthians 1:10, 1 Corinthians 11:18

**KEY VERSE:** 1 Corinthians 3:3

**OBSERVATION:** Sadly, churches that experience disunity and are in conflict and turmoil are generally filled with people looking to their own needs, their own desires, and their own ambitions. Such behavior is characteristic of unbelievers, not those with the mind of Christ. Worldliness, not godliness, is the hallmark of the disunited church, as Paul reminded the Corinthians: