

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – March 20-25
Doing Life Together – Rock Church – Bonding Unity

MONDAY: John 15:9, John 3:17, John 10:38

KEY VERSE: John 17:23

OBSERVATION Jesus prayed for Himself in verses 1-5, He prayed for the apostles in 6-19, and for those who would believe through the apostles' message (which is us) in 20-24. He prayed for our unity before He went to the cross. It was that important to him. It makes sense that if He was going to die for us, that He would really want us to be united, wouldn't it? Jesus wanted us to be united with all the people of faith. What other words come to your mind when you hear the word unity?

TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Hebrews 12:14, James 3:17-18

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 4:3

OBSERVATION: So we clearly have a responsibility to do everything we can to maintain the unity that Christ has given us and He has so earnestly prayed for. It is the responsibility of every believer to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Authentic churches know that every believer has to be on guard for the subtle ways that Satan attempts to drive a wedge between us and destroy the unity that Christ has given us. What kinds of efforts have you seen in healthy church that contribute to unity?

WEDNESDAY: Romans 12:4, James 2:18

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 3:4-6

OBSERVATION: Now there have been a lot of people that have understood the Biblical importance of unity among Christians and have made that their number one priority. However, having uniformity is not necessarily unity. unity should be based on what the Bible says. What are some things that churches have created uniformity that fall short of unity?

THURSDAY: Proverbs 3:17, Romans 12:3, 1 Corinthians 1:10

KEY VERSE: Romans 12:16

OBSERVATION: Humility treats others as Christ would treat them. Humility means to submit ourselves to others even if they have attended the our church less then us, don't serve like us, have different ideas then us. Our conversation and attitude toward them should be the same as with a long time friend.

FRIDAY: Romans 12:18, Romans 15:2

KEY VERSE: Romans 14:19

OBSERVATION: Pride and stubbornness are two of the greatest threats to unity. We should do and say whatever will bring peace and be what's best for everyone. We need to work hard to remove the "I don't like it, That's not the way we used to do it, I disagree ." We've got to be flexible in things that aren't of spiritual significance. We've got to be flexible on doing things in ways that will reach more people. We need to make every effort to do what leads to peace, to make every effort to do what is best for the body of Christ.

SATURDAY: 1 Timothy 1:4, 2 Timothy 2:16, James 4:1

KEY VERSE: Titus 3:9

OBSERVATION: Controversy leads to division. Maturity will speak and act in ways that don't lead to controversy. We need to avoid foolish controversy so that we can be of one heart and one mind. Nothing will allow Satan to divide and conquer better than a person who criticizes and gossips about others. Let us guard against becoming critical and negative, we need to look for the good in others and encourage them as often as we can. We need to becoming an encourager is a mark of maturity that will nurture unity.