

# **Questions** for Weeks 1-3

\*\*Scripture divisions used in our series and the resource we use for questions differ from each other.

For this reason, the questions for Weeks 1-3 are combined.

### **Unity in the Body of Christ - Ephesians 4:1-16**

Topics: <u>Body, Church, Faith, Gentleness, Gifts, God, Grace, Holy Spirit, Hope, Humility, Jesus Christ, Love, Pastors, Patience, Peace, Serving, Teaching, Unity, Work</u>

#### Open It

- 1. What one quality would you like to develop in your character?
- 2. \*What keeps sports teams unified?
- 3. What do you consider yourself good at doing?
- 4. What skill or talent would you like to master?

#### **Explore It**

- 5. What did Paul urge the Ephesians to do? (4:1)
- 6. What three virtues foster unity among Christians? (4:2)
- 7. \*How should Christians conduct themselves toward each other? Why? (4:2-6)
- 8. \*What are the seven elements of Christian unity?  $(\underline{4:4-6})$
- 9. How is Christian unity related to the nature of God? (4:4-6)
- 10. \*How are we enabled to live at peace with each other? (4:7)
- 11. Who gives grace to each believer? (4:7)
- 12. How did Paul confirm God's giving of gifts? (4:8)
- 13. What commentary did Paul make on the Old Testament passage he quoted? Why? (4:9-11)
- 14. With what kind of people does God fill the church? (4:11)
- 15. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? (4:12-13)
- 16. What results from gifted believers equipping the church? (4:14-16)

#### **Get It**

- 17. Why did Paul stress the theme of Christian unity to the Ephesians?
- 18. \*How do you get along with other Christians?
- 19. \*What is God's prescription for unity among believers?
- 20. How does the Spirit help you maintain the "bond of peace" with others in your church?
- 21. How have you benefited from the Christian leadership in your church?
- 22. What is your responsibility to help others in the body of Christ?
- 23. How unified is your church?

## **Apply It**

- 24. \*How do you need to show humility, gentleness, and patience in dealing with a difficult relationship this week?
- 25. What service can you offer another church member to help build up the body of Christ?
- 26. To whom do you need to speak the truth lovingly this week?