

## **December 6**

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

In these verses, Paul appeals to the people of the church at Corinth to settle the differences that have divided them.

*Question to Consider:*

What are some of the issues dividing the church today? How can you help bring greater unity among the Christians you know?

*Prayer:*

Father God, just as in Paul's day, people in the church disagree and sometimes argue. I pray for healing and unity in the church and I pray that I can play a role in helping that happen. Please use me, Father, to bring Christians together rather than drive them further apart. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## **December 7**

### 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

In these verses, Paul discusses spiritual gifts given by God to each person.

*Question to Consider:*

What spiritual gift(s) do you believe God has given you?

*Prayer:*

Almighty God, I know that I am a unique creation and that there is no one exactly like me. Help me to know which gifts you have given me, and help me to use them in your service. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **December 8**

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

In this passage, Paul compares the Body of Christ (the gathered believers) to the human body.

*Question to Consider:*

Just as each part of your physical body is important, you are an important part of the body of Christ. Just as each part of your physical body has a specific role to play, you have a specific role in the body of Christ. What role(s) do you believe that God intends for you?

*Prayer:*

Loving God, you have created me and given me life and I thank you. I pray that I will use well the gifts that you have given to me. With your help, I will use those gifts in ways that serve others and bring glory and honor to you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **December 9**

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

This passage is often referred to as “the love chapter” because of Paul’s description of the characteristics of love as God intends it.

*Question to Consider:*

As you read these characteristics of genuine love, which ones come most easily for you? Which ones are the most difficult?

*Prayer:*

Gracious God, sometimes it is not easy to love – at least not as it is described in this passage, and yet I know that is what you want me to do. Help me to grow in love. In the name of Christ I pray, Amen.

## **December 10**

### Galatians 3:26-4:7

In these verses, Paul writes that we are all equal in the eyes of God.

*Question to Consider:*

This text says that we are all equal in God’s eyes, but that is easier to say than it is to actually believe and live by. Are you able to accept that all people are equal in the eyes of God?

*Prayer:*

Merciful God, I know in my head that everyone is equal in your eyes and I pray that I will come to know it in my heart. Please help me tear down the barriers that still separate me from others. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.