



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

United We Stand

LG Questions for 01/02/11

Getting Started

1. **Your Church History.** Describe the greatest experience you've ever enjoyed as a member of a church family. Tell why it was encouraging. Without getting into the details, what sorts of things have disappointed you about the church at times? Explain.

Getting Into the Bible

Note: In 1 Corinthians chapter 12, the Apostle Paul describes the diversity of members in the church, which is always a potential source of conflict. However, his emphasis in verses 1 to 13 is on the things we share in common and why they ought to be a source of unity and love.

2. **We confess the same Lord.** Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3. Do you think that saying, "Jesus is Lord," is enough to make someone a follower of Christ? Why or why not? If your answer is "No," then briefly explain the difference between someone who is genuinely converted and someone whose faith is only superficial. (See Matthew 7:21-23 for help.)
3. **We share the same Spirit.** Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 and 13. What common things has the Holy Spirit done in the lives of those who have turned to Christ? What was the first hint that He was at work in your life? How has His presence in your life changed the way you relate to other members of God's family? In what ways do you still want to change?
4. **We serve the same Body.** Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-12. Though Christians share much in common, how do we differ from each other and what's God's purpose for these differences? Do you think the members of your church are fulfilling this purpose? What is the attitude of Jesus toward those who fail to use their spiritual gifts? (See Matthew 25:14-30 for help.)

Getting Personal and Practical

5. **Your Church Service.** Which of the spiritual gifts mentioned by Paul do you think the Holy Spirit has given you? What evidence do you have of this? Do others agree with your assessment? In what way are you or will you use this gift(s) to serve your church family?