

**Otisville Church of Christ**  
**Bible Study Guide for February 19-25, 2012**  
**Spiritual Leadership**

**Sunday – Read Ephesians 4 and Nehemiah 8**

1. What did you find most profitable in these scriptures? Why?
2. What did you find most profitable in today's sermons? Why?
3. How will you apply what you learned?

Prayer focus: For wisdom to understand God's word and to apply it to your life.

**Monday – Read Ephesians 4:1-16 (1-7)**

1. What is significant about what Paul calls himself in this passage?
2. What are Paul's commands to the believers?
3. What would be proof of the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" in their experience?
4. How was grace given, and by whom?
5. Which of the character traits in verse 2 do you need to work on in order to "walk in a manner worthy" of your calling?

Prayer focus: For more insight into being a servant of Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday – Read Ephesians 4:1-16 (7-16)**

1. How does scripture teach that gifts were given by Christ for his church?
2. Which "offices" were given by Christ and why?
3. What is maturity?
4. How is the church built up in maturity?
5. In what ways do you need to mature?

Prayer focus: For insight into specific ways of serving in and/or for the church.

**Wednesday – Read Romans 12**

1. According to verse 3, how are we to view ourselves and others?
2. How do we function together as "one body"?
3. Why do we each have different gifts?
4. What is the purpose of gifts?
5. What is your gift? How can you serve the body of Christ with your gift?

Prayer focus: To work to see unity in the body of Christ through the gracious use of our gifts.

## **Thursday – Read 1 Corinthians 12**

1. According to verses 4-11, how do the variety of gifts and services work alongside the unity of the Spirit, Lord, and God?
2. Why are there different gifts?
3. What is the purpose of the gifts?
4. How does the “one body with many members” metaphor explain how the church works as one, despite having many different gifts?
5. What is the “more excellent way” (verse 31) and how can you apply this teaching to yourself?

Prayer focus: For humility to serve others and see their needs as more important than yours.

## **Friday – Read Nehemiah 8 (1-10)**

1. What is the context for this passage?
2. Why do you think the “book” was elevated above the people, so that Ezra had to stand above the people to read the book to them?
3. What was the role of the Levites and others? What did they do as Ezra read?
4. What was the response of the people to the reading of God's word?
5. What is the proper response to God's word? Do you need to change how you interact with and respond to God's word?

Prayer focus: To learn humility and respect in interacting with the Bible.

## **Saturday – Read Ephesians 4-6**

1. What are the main themes of these sections of scripture?
2. How do these sections of scripture develop and extend the teaching from the earlier sections you studied this week?
3. How do they help you prepare for Sunday worship?

Prayer focus: To be prepared to hear the word of the Lord on Sunday.

## **Notes**