

The Gift of Love Makes Us One: A Scripture Search

Read each Scripture passage and briefly paraphrase in your own words. Then answer the questions that follow each passage.

Matthew 5:43–48 (on loving your enemies)

Paraphrase: _____

Who is Jesus referring to when he uses the word *enemy*?

Why is love of enemies and not just friends essential to true unity?

Mark 12:28–34 (the Greatest Commandment: love God and neighbor)

Paraphrase: _____

Who is Jesus talking about when he uses the word *neighbor*?

Why is love of all people, no matter how diverse they are, essential to unity?



John 15:12–17 (Jesus' command: to love one another)

Paraphrase: _____

What connection does Jesus make between love and self-sacrifice?

How can love, as described by Jesus, create unity?

1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (the greatest gift is love)

Paraphrase: _____

Which of the qualities of love described in 1 Corinthians, chapter 13, do you think contributes most toward unity among people?

What did you learn from these scriptural statements about the meaning of unity or oneness as a Mark of the Church?

