

# THE GENIUS OF ONE

## STUDY GUIDE

### PROLOGUE:

1. In what ways is the Christian Church divided?
2. Before diving in, what do you hope to learn from this book?

### CHAPTER ONE:

1. What darkness have you faced in life?
2. Read John 17.
3. What ideas jump out at you from Jesus' prayer?
4. Why is the way that we treat each other as Christians such a big deal?
5. In what ways do our actions contribute to our witness as Jesus followers?

### CHAPTER TWO:

1. What makes it difficult to love others?
2. What does it look like for you to enter into "the eternal dance between Father, Son, and Spirit?"

### CHAPTER THREE:

1. What keeps you from serving as a part of the body of Christ?
2. How do you connect with the Holy Spirit?
3. What steps can you take to become more active in a Christian community?
4. Read Romans 12:4-5.
5. Why is the body such a good analogy for Christian community?
6. How does Paul's analogy influence the way that we treat each other?

### CHAPTER FOUR:

1. What are some of the assumptions that you have about yourself and your world?
2. How has culture influenced you?

### CHAPTER FIVE:

1. In what ways does pride destroy relationships?
2. When in life have you "thought too highly of yourself?"
3. How can you become more self-aware with your struggles?
4. What steps can you take to live humbly in the weeks and months to come?
5. Why is accountability important?
6. Read Philippians 2:3. What makes it hard to live this way? Why does God call us to do it?

## CHAPTER SIX:

1. What behaviors or mindsets disrupt collaboration?
2. How would you rate your personal level of creativity?
3. What would it look like to have candor within your specific organizations or circumstances?
4. How is Jesus calling you to set aside your own interests for the interests of others?
5. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What makes stepping into church community difficult?
6. Why is Christian community essential for spiritual growth?
7. What steps can you take to get involved with your community?

## CHAPTER SEVEN:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:21. What is Paul's main point here?
2. How does it influence the way we treat people with different spiritual gifts, even gifts that we want.

## CHAPTER EIGHT:

1. What makes living in community difficult?
2. How have harsh words affected you?
3. What would it look like for you to become a better listener?
4. Read Romans 12:18.
5. Are you a peacemaker? How would you rate your peacemaking ability?
6. What does it look like for you to create peace in your current circumstances?

## CHAPTER NINE:

1. When have you become the victim of gossip? When have you been the perpetrator?
2. What are some open-ended questions that you can ask to stop gossip in its tracks?

## CHAPTER TEN:

1. Do you avoid comforting others? Why or why not?
2. Has anyone ever helped you through a difficult time?
3. Read John 20:21.
4. Jesus has sent us into the world to live and love like him. How does this change the way that we treat each other?

## CHAPTER ELEVEN:

1. How does sitting around a table promote relationships?
2. Why does distance demonize?
3. How is God calling you to move closer to those that you wouldn't normally interact with?
4. What steps can you take to have worthwhile conversations?
5. Which people do you need to "invite to the table" in your life?

## CHAPTER TWELVE:

1. What steps can you take to celebrate the success of others?
2. What are your three biggest takeaways from this book?
3. Read 1 John 3:18.
4. John tells us to love in two ways. Which one comes more naturally to you?
5. Why is it important that we do both?
6. Read Philippians 1:27. How do Paul's words bring together the central claims of this book? How can you live them out this week?