# **One Faith**

# Lesson 1: Why Are There So Many Different Churches Today?

As you observe the tremendous amount of religious division in the world, what sorts of questions have you had?

### 1. Did God Create Religious Diversity?

How does Ephesians 4:1-6 contribute to unity?

From Ephesians 4:4-6, discuss how the following "ones" should be uniting factors:

- 1. One God –
- 2. One Lord –
- 3. One Spirit –
- 4. One hope –
- 5. One faith –
- 6. One baptism –
- 7. One body –

#### 2. Why Is There Religious Diversity?

How many churches did God establish? When was it established?

What is an apostasy? Did the New Testament warn about a coming apostasy?

The New Testament identifies a number of factors that are involved in this apostasy. Please discuss each of the following.

- 1. False teaching –
- 2. Itching ears –
- 3. The traditions of men –
- 4. Selfish ambitions –

Did any apostasy occur during New Testament times? Discuss.

# 3. An Overview Of Church History

Provide a quick overview of the following periods of church history:

- 1. Progress –
- 2. Apostasy –
- 3. Reformation –
- 4. Restoration –

\*Does God approve of the religious division in the world today?