

Study Questions for “The Ecumenical Dance of the Church of the Brethren and The Brethren Church” by Dale R. Stoffer

1. After three centuries of Christianity as a disorganized movement going in many directions, Emperor Constantine unified the church into one Holy Roman Church. What is gained in unity? What is lost? Should the Brethren groups strive for unity?
2. Floyd Mallott said that the separation “created fears in both groups.” What do we fear about each other?
3. Were Alexander Mack and the other original Brethren fundamentalists? What is “fundamentalism” and how does it affect our groups today?
4. “Cooperative separatism.” Where do our two groups overlap today and where do they differ?
5. Do you think we should be working on unity today? Why or why not?