

**Study Questions for “How the Closed Brethren Became Open”  
by Dale R. Stoffer**

1. Stoffer believes the original Brethren were quite “open” before 1850. In what way would you say they were “open”? What were they open about?

2. You might say that the Brethren became more closed to maintain a separation from the influences of the world. To what extent is a separation from the world important to you today? Should the church stay away from involvements in the world? Should the church focus on mission or service. In your mind, which is more important to you than the other? Which? Why?