

# **Study Guide**

## **Building Blocks of the Church**

### **Chapter 15 – The Interdependence of Local Churches**

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Does John 17:21 apply to the local church only or does it apply across local church boundaries?
2. Discuss some of the ways that churches in the NT cooperated.
3. How did the itinerant (travelling) ministries function in the NT?
4. Did money flow between churches and if so why and how?
5. What was wrong with the Corinthians' attitude to those outside their circle? (See pp 238-239)
6. What are the dangers of isolationist churches?
7. What is the relationship between isolationism and cults?

8. Is it possible for a church to be totally independent?
  
9. What are the limits of cooperation? (Who can we not cooperate with and what boundaries may that cooperation not cross)
  
10. List some of the ways other churches and people have helped, and continue to help, your church. (See pp239-240).
  
11. How is your church helping other churches? (This excludes private actions by individuals, but projects in which the whole church is involved)
  
12. Discuss some of the ways your church could cooperate with other churches to achieve what you cannot do on your own
  
13. Discuss some of the ways your church can help other churches.

### **Additional resources**

#### MP3s

1. Interdependent Churches (<http://www.antonbosch.com/tapes2006.html>)