Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an important series of studies on Oneness in Christ. Our topic today: Causes of Disunity.

1. Disobedience
   a) Deuteronomy 28:1-14 What blessings did the LORD promise His people if they lived in harmony with His commandments?
   b) Deuteronomy 28:15-20 What negative consequences would result from disobedience?
   c) When God's people wandered away from Him in disobedience, what was His desire for them? Jeremiah 3:12-18
   d) What is the root cause of disobedience?
   e) Share an example from your own life of how disobedience to God's Word resulted in disunity.

2. Pride of personal opinion
   a) Judges 17:6, 21:25
   b) What was the disastrous result of proudly trusting in personal opinion? Judges 2:11-13, 3:5-7
   c) What warnings does Solomon give regarding the danger of a proud attitude? Proverbs 13:10, 16:18, 6:16-19
   d) What story in the Bible illustrates the damaging results of a proud attitude?

3. Following ungodly counsel
   a) 1 Kings 12:1-7, 8-16 How can we be certain that we are listening to godly counsel?

4. Following people rather than following God
   a) 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 Why does the apostle Paul plead so earnestly with the Corinthian believers?
   b) What is the danger of following a person, even if he or she is walking closely with the Lord? Why is Paul’s teaching in 1 Corinthians 11:1 an important reminder when learning from another believer?
   c) What habit of the Berean believers was affirmed by Paul? Acts 17:11

5. Attacks from without and within
   a) Acts 20:28-30 (also Matthew 7:15) – savage wolves
   b) Numbers 12:1-2 - Miriam and Aaron (envy)
   c) 2 Timothy 2:15-18 - Hymenaeus and Philetus
   d) 2 Timothy 3:12-17 What counsel does Paul give to the young preacher Timothy regarding those who would seek to bring disunity to the church?
   e) What Bible promise gives you hope and courage when you are under attack?