

Study Guide Questions for Reflection/Discussion.

1. What words did the speakers use to describe McKendree Chapel?
2. Why do you think the simple, rustic structure from days gone by inspires such depth of feeling?
3. The pioneer days were harsh, primitive, and full of risks as people left the familiar in search of a new life. Why do you think the small groups of ordinary settlers were willing to sacrifice so much time, energy, and money in order to build McKendree Chapel?
4. How did McKendree Chapel enrich the lives of the early settlers? The spread of the Gospel? The growth of the Methodist movement?
5. The Church has always had to wrestle with, and respond to, issues in the culture and the changing times. What challenges did the issue of slavery bring to the McKendree congregation and the Methodist movement?
6. One person inspired the construction of the McKendree Chapel, and many others made it a reality. In what way was the 1927 restoration effort similar?
7. "Our descendants need to understand the efforts of those people and the commitment that they had to Methodism and the glory of God." Why?
8. How are current culture and the changing times impacting McKendree Chapel once again?

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