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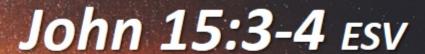
May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one —



<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me — so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

- 1. with God
- 2. with each other
- 3. with a local church
- 4. with the Church

# Caring enough to connect with God...





Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

# Caring enough to connect with God...



His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence...

# Caring enough to connect with God...

# Caring enough to connect with each other...





# ...he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd...

# Caring enough to connect with a local church...



# Colossians 3:15-16 ESV

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

And be thankful.



# Colossians 3:15-16 ESV

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



# Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

# Caring enough to connect with a local church...

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### Matthew 16:18 ESV

# ...on this rock I will build my church...



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## Romans 15:26-27 ESV

For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.



# Romans 15:26-27 ESV

<sup>27</sup> For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.

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