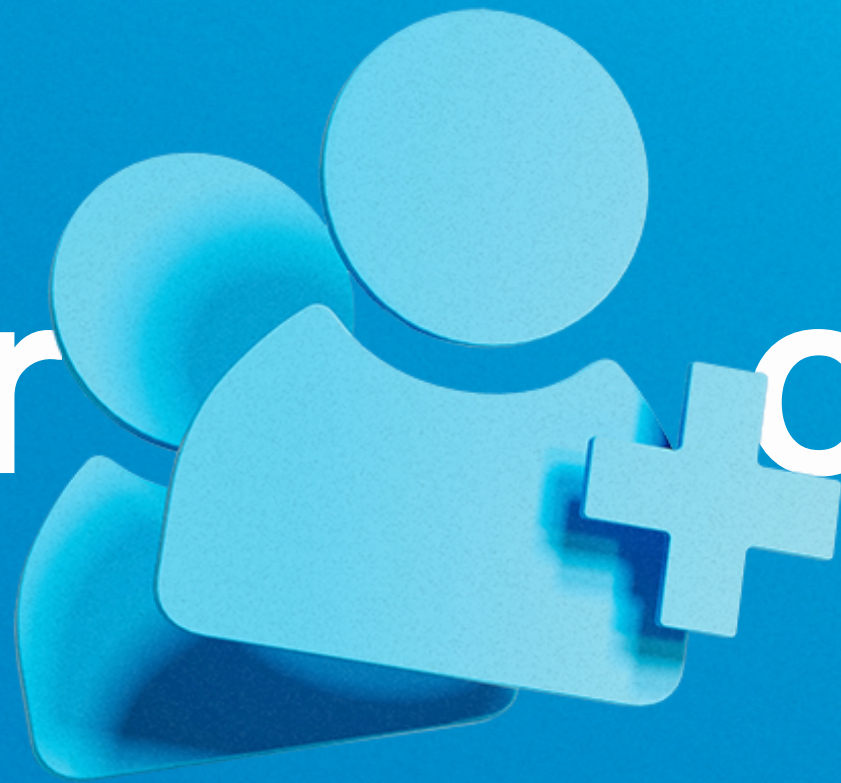
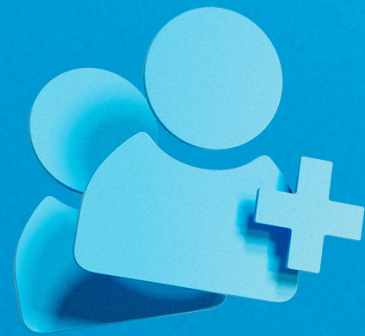


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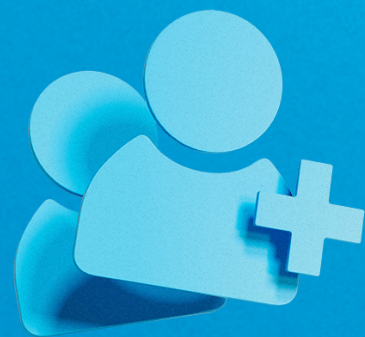


# BIG IDEA

**As a follower of Jesus being connected with others is essential, not optional.**

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26 (ESV)

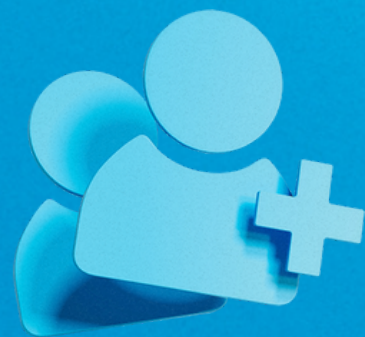


# TRUTH

God is a **COMMUNITY** and  
He created us for **CONNECTIONS**.

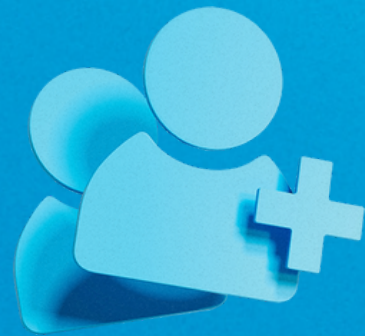
One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:35-40 (NLT)



# TRUTH

Our CONNECTION with GOD is LIVED OUT  
in our CONNECTION with OTHERS.



# TRUTH

If we don't fight for CONNECTIONS  
we drift toward APATHY.

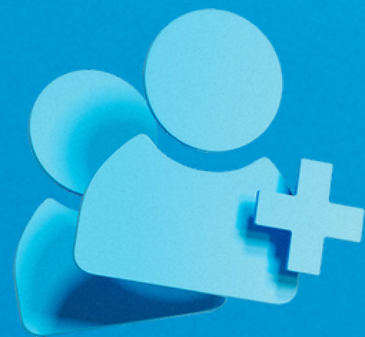
Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:12-17 (NLT)

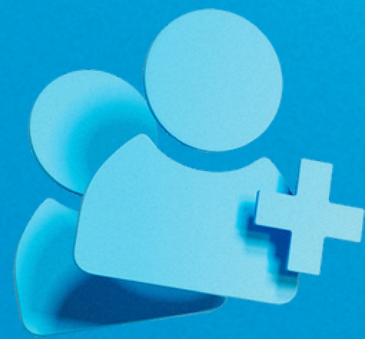


And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

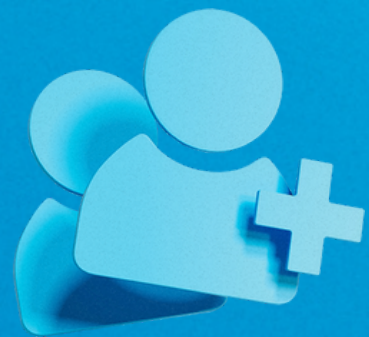
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**CONNECTIONS** require a transition  
from ME thinking to WE thinking.



**CONNECTIONS (in the  
ENVIRONMENT of the Gospel)  
EMPOWER us to live an abundant life.**



**CONNECTIONS** grow **YOU**  
and help you grow **OTHERS.**