

# The Kind of Church God Builds

## A Church That Fosters Community

### I. Introduction

- A. John 17:20-21 (NLT) <sup>20</sup>"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup>I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."
- B. John 17:23 (NLT) "I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."
- C. John 17:26 (NLT) "I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."
- D. I John 4:12 (NLT) No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.
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