

CARE

CONNECTIONS MODULE #3

Demonstrate care for individuals and groups with intention and kindness, which seeks to help others develop confidence in God and the space to discover their unique giftedness. After completing the assignments below, meet with your trainer and cohort to discuss what you learned.

COMPETENCY: You will gain a holistic understanding of caring for self and others. Furthermore, it will provide a space for you to discover your giftedness for the betterment of the self, the church community and beyond.

Opening Questions:

1. Who is someone you know that cares for others well?
2. What qualities do they display in their care for others?

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment 1: Read scripture, John 15:1-12, and answer provided questions.

Assignment 2: **Read this article by Henri Nouwen, [click here to download and read.](#)**

Assignment 3: At home or work, seek to care for someone by listening attentively? Encourage them with a specific gift you see they possess.

Assignment 4: What did you experience by doing that? What was the result of your action to develop that person/s? What was their response?

Assignment 5: Take a few times to read through John 15:1-12, in a quiet place, close your eyes and the Holy Spirit to speak to you. Then read the passage aloud again and sit quietly for a while. What do you believe God is saying to you that you need to hear?

Assignment 6: Take one specific thing you gained from the Article or the Scripture and apply it personally in your interaction with someone to show care?

ASSIGNMENT 1

John 15:1-12

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in the section of Scripture?
2. Where do you see care beginning from in the section of Scripture?
3. How can you care better for yourself? How do you think that will flow towards others?
4. What can help you move towards abiding in Christ?

ASSIGNMENT 2

Read this article by Henri Nouwen, see attached, [click here to download and read](#).

QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you in the article?
2. What challenged you and/or encouraged you?
3. What do you believe you can practically apply from the article?

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