



BEYOND SERIES - Part Five:  
“Reaching Beyond”

Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, **bringing out the God-colors in the world**. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; **be generous with your lives**. **By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God**, this generous Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG)

We were created to reach out and shine by bringing out the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ in the world

When people see Jesus in us they should see us:

➤ Loving Him

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.

Matthew 22:37-38 (NLT)

➤ Loving Others

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

TO Reach Beyond:

1. We must \_\_\_\_\_.

But I say, wake up and **look around**. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

John 4:35

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2. Make \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he **stayed** for two days, long enough for many more to hear his message and believe.

John 4:40-41

3. Build \_\_\_\_\_.

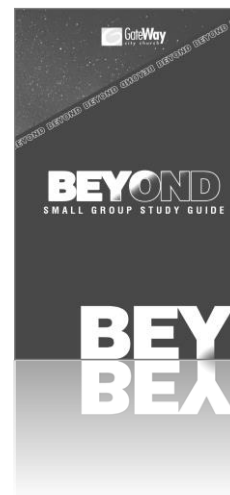
But Jesus replied, “I have a kind of food you know nothing about”... Then Jesus explained: “**My nourishment comes from doing the will of God**, who sent me, and from finishing his work.

John 4:32,34

We have a light that shines through our lives when our \_\_\_\_\_ reflect the nature of Christ

Father God, thank you for choosing me to be a light in my community. Help me to see beyond, make room in my life and build relationships with those around me. Thank you for giving me gifts, talents and love for all people. In Jesus name, Amen.

GATHER, GROW and GO with us!



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