#### Love Your Neighbor Part one of the series, "Beyond: Living Beyond Ourselves"

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# We are called by God to love and care for our neighbors.

If we love someone, we would learn about what is important to them and do what is important for them. As we grow in our relationship with God, His desires become our desires. God's two biggest desires are for us to love Him with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Second to that and just as important is to love our neighbors by serving them as best as we can. Think about the people God has placed around us as our "neighbors." These neighbors could be our family, friends, classmates, teammates, coaches, etc. If we love God, we will love and serve others with their best interests in mind.

"'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'" (Matthew 22:36-40 NIV)

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves..." (Philippians 2:3 NIV)

# **Discussion Questions:**

- Do you believe you are doing your best to love God? Why or why not?
- Share a time that a neighbor has shown love and care for you. What happened?
- Think about the neighbors in your life that you see throughout the week. How are you doing your best to love and serve them? What will you do to serve them this week?

#### Prayer:

- Pray for one another that we will do our best to love and serve God with our all.
- Pray that we would choose to love our neighbors the way God would want us to.
- Pray for one person, by name, that you can bring to church or small group this week.