CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERIES & TITLE	LOVE BEYONDBy Building Intentional Relationships
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	Think of a food or cuisine from a culture different than your own that you've enjoyed. Share what it was and what you liked about it.
MAIN POINTS	<ul> <li>Hold Fast to the Truth</li> <li>Love Them All</li> <li>Get to Know Somebody</li> <li>Serve them all</li> </ul>
DISCUSS	<ol> <li>What most stood out to you from the message this past weekend?</li> <li>Why is it important that we hold firmly to the core truths of Christianity, like the virgin birth, Jesus as Messiah, his miracles, etc.? How can we do this graciously when relating to people of other faiths?</li> <li>What does it mean practically to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"? How can we fight tribalism and love all people as image- bearers of God?</li> <li>Why are relationships so vital for sharing our faith? How can we intentionally build friendships with people of different backgrounds and beliefs?</li> <li>How does serving those in need demonstrate the love of Jesus, even if they never convert? Why is peacemaking important?</li> </ol>
) Challenge	Look for and ask God for open hearts and opportunities to love beyond your comfort zones, for the sake of the Gospel. What is one practical action you can take this week to apply one of the principles from this sermon? Who is God calling you to connect with or serve?
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:43 You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers,[a] what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
<b>NEXT WEEK</b> SNEAK PEAK	Join us next week as we continue looking at the Book of Acts though the LOVE BEYOND! series.

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