

## Connected: Developing Relationships Beyond the Church

### Matthew 5:14-16

**Main Idea:** Reflecting God's love, believers are called to extend their relationships beyond the church, reaching out to those who may not yet know Christ.

**Introduction** – Frank's Coffee Shop

#### 1. Be the Light in the World v. 14-15

- Live lives that naturally attract attention to God's goodness. (Philippians 2:14-15)

#### 2. Build Authentic Relationships v. 16a

- Forge genuine connections with those outside the church. (Colossians 4:5-6)
- THINK before you speak (or post):
  - **T** - Is it Truthful?
  - **H** - Is it Helpful?
  - **I** - Is it Inspiring?
  - **N** - Is it Necessary?
  - **K** - Is it Kind?

Source: <https://harvest.org/resources/gregs-blog/post/t-h-i-n-k/>

#### 3. Demonstrate the Love of Christ v. 16b

- Reflect Christ's love through acts of service and love. (John 13:35; Galatians 6:9-10)

**Conclusion & Communion**