



# Green Line- Boston

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## Creating Space

**Here's a picture of me flipping** one of 900 burgers, dogs, and sausages we served up at a cookout in our backyard in Wildwood, NJ this summer. Our students brought their co-workers (and boy do the lifeguards at Morey's Piers know how to eat!). There were three or four hundred people in our back yard. And after cooking, I walked around and there was not a single table with all Christians or with all non-Christians. Everyone was talking with their friends, meeting new ones, listening to others' spiritual stories, and building relationships. Standing at the grill I was doing more than feeding hungry twenty year olds.

**I was giving our students space to build relationships with their non-Christian friends.**

It was our vision that over the summer, each of our students would have four spiritual

conversations with the same person, helping them on their spiritual journey, pointing them to Christ. Rather than just talk about it, we built it into their schedules. One evening a week, they were free to hang out with their friends. Have them over for dinner. Go watch a movie. Go to their jobs and hang out.

**The cookout convicted me!** Over the past year I haven't left enough space in my schedule to form relationships with non-Christians. I realized this summer that without blocking out free spaces in my schedule, my time fills up with "Christiany" things. My housemates are Christians. My coworkers are Christians. The students I minister to are largely Christians. I go to a church with Christians. Leaving space in my life.

**So as I think about my fall,** I'm working on scheduling in space for me to build relationships with non-Christians. Not because it's my job. Because I'm a Christian. Because as a Christian, I believe we're called to join others on their spiritual journey and point them to Christ.

**I thank you so much for your** continued support. Let's pray for each other and the students I have the privilege of working with in Boston: that we continue to create space in our schedule to love and serve those around us who have not yet begun a relationship with Christ.

God Bless, *Brian*



Burgers were flying at our Backyard BBQ in Wildwood



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### How to Pray

For incoming freshmen on campuses we have no ministry—that there would be key leaders with a heart for reaching their friends and space in their schedules to begin creating spiritual movements there.