

Viewpoint Church

Community Group Outline

Your Community Group: A place to Love, Grow, and Serve.

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Sermon Date: March 11, 2018

Sermon Title: Love Is

Agape love means to give love. It is a giving love (as compared to the other three greek words for love which are need-based love). This love is a gift from God. It is a love that God gives to us to then give to others. It is a love that requires nothing in return.

As a church, we are called to give agape love - to ALL. This love is not deserved. Agape love is what Jesus taught and lived. He even said that you will know them by their agape love to others. It is an undeserving love.

Agape love does not dishonor others.

>ACTIVITY: Honor each other in your group by affirming one another this week. Affirm the person to your left and share how they have honored you/someone else/the church/etc. recently.

>TAKE AWAY: The next time you feel the temptation to slander, gossip or cheat someone, remember the power of an affirming word.

Agape love is not self-seeking.

>QUESTION: Share a time in your life when someone denied themselves for your benefit.

>TAKE AWAY: The next time you are given an opportunity to place someone before yourself, think about this person and do it!

Agape love is not easily angered.

>QUESTION: Share a time in your life when someone could have shown anger towards you but instead showed you grace.

>TAKE AWAY: The next time you are quick to show anger, remember the grace this person showed you.

Agape love keeps no record of wrongs.

>QUESTION: Take 5 minutes and silently pray to God. Ask him to show you if there is a record of wrongs that you have been keeping in your life towards someone.

>TAKE AWAY: Resolve to seek resolution and forgiveness towards this person.

LOVE IS...

1. Defined by selfless

Agape love is the church's love to give. This love is totally selfless, it is a gift that does not expect anything in return. Agape love is a God love.

2. Inspired by the purist

Agape love is inspired by pure motives. It must be sincere. Pure love is a virtue and it means being devoted to one another. It means to honor others above yourself.

DISCUSSION: What is the difference between genuine love and flattery?

3. Driven by the deepest

Love is driven by the deepest purpose, an eternal purpose. We are called to live a life of meaning that is driven by an eternal focus. To love our God above all else and to love others.

Keller - "You harm yourself when you love anything more than God."

Example: If we love our kids, money, relationships, pride, etc. more than God, those things will be our ultimate source of happiness. No human/object can ever measure up to the love of God that we need.

>ACTIVITY: Spend 5 minutes praying silently. Ask God to show you if there is anything in your life taking the place of God.

>DISCUSS: Share any thoughts or insights.

Let people know we are HIS by the way we agape love them. We can love family, friends, strangers and the church with agape love. We can love all.

Please pray for our Easter canvassing this Sunday. Pray for large numbers to volunteer to help and for our mission to be successful!