

Homework Leading Into This Week: John 3:1-21
Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26

Agape

Week #1: Defining Love

- ❖ In our language, love is something you feel.

- ❖ Warning: The Crazy Cycle!

- ❖ John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- ❖ In God's language, agape is doing what's best, no matter what, no matter who.

- ❖ Doing what's best

- ◆ Proof: The 0-100 Text

- ◆ Agape means you make love a verb!

❖ **No matter what**

- ◆ Story: You, Antiques, and God's One and Only Son

❖ **No matter who**

- ◆ God loved no matter who, even if the who was **you**.

- ◆ Story: An Agape Kind of Love

Points to Ponder

1. Read Jesus' three stories in Luke 15. How does each one support tonight's definition of "love"?
2. Check out Matthew 5:38-48. Can you identify all three parts of love's definition in Jesus' challenging words?
3. Imagine a friend who is spiritually depressed and feeling unlovable in God's sight. How might you use tonight's message to comfort her with God's truth?

*"Unconditional love, agape love,
will not be swayed by time or circumstances."
~ Stephen Kendrick*

Homework For Next Week: 1 John 4:7-21