

### **TALK #3 ~ God is Love**

The purpose of this talk is to help the weekenders understand that we were created to be in fellowship with God and that live for us does not depend on our feelings or actions.

Themes you should include in your talk:

1. Using the story of the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:4-25), talk about the relationship between God and Adam and Eve (before they sinned).
2. Talk about how sin severed the relationship God had with Adam and Eve. What were the consequences of their sin?
3. Stress that even though they sinned and God punished them for that sin, God did not stop loving them!
4. Talk about God's agape love - unconditional, love that offers oneself for the benefit of another, love that does not depend on the other person's response.
5. God has chosen to love us; he cannot stop loving us no matter how much we may hurt him.
6. How does agape love differ from the love the world has to offer? How do we naturally respond when someone hurts us?
7. Talk about Jesus Christ - he came into the world to restore the broken relationship that we had with God. His death is the ultimate act of agape love.
8. Stress to the weekenders that God's love is always there for us. It is a promise from God's word that we can depend on. And even though other people may stop loving us because we hurt them, God will not.
9. God's love is based on fact (the Bible), not our feelings.
10. Encourage the weekenders to let God love them - unconditionally!
11. Type up the words to your song and have them run off PRIOR TO THE WEEKEND (about 80 copies) to give to the tables so the weekenders can better understand their message as the song is being played.