

## SECTION 2

# EFFECTIVE SMALL-GROUP LEADERSHIP

## “Agape” Your Students

### RELEVANT SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:16-18

1 John 4:19-21

John 13:34-35

Matthew 5:16

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### **Agape love is unmerited**

Agape: “It is an unmerited, self-giving love.” “In contrast to agapē, “erōs” love (worldly love) has two principal characteristics: it is a love of the worthy and it is a love that desires to possess.

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### **Agape love is costly**

As a leader, you must have an intentional, self-sacrificing love for your students. “Agape” WILL cost you something.

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### **We love because Jesus loved**

Your motivation for loving your students is driven by the Love that Christ has loved you with.

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### **Agape love reveals your heart**

When you “Agape” your students, you proclaim that you are a follower of Christ.

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### **Agape love proclaims the good news**

Pouring “Agape” out on your students will bring your witness to life through your actions.

### **Let's sum it up!**

- “Agape” is unmerited. You are called to love your students whether they are worthy of it or not.
- “Agape” is self-giving. This means sacrifice. “Agape” WILL cost you something.
- Your motivation to love is fueled by God’s love for you.
- When you “agape” you show yourself to be a follower of Christ.
- “Agape” will bring your witness to life!