

Today we started with recapping from last week message centered around "Agape Love" (unconditional love). Students shared examples of how they strived to be Christ like during this past week. After brief discussion we split into two teams and being a series of competitions. The goal was simple win points for your team. We competed at Ping Pong, Air Hockey, Mario Kart, Cornhole, NBA 2k, Free Throw Challenge, and Foosball. We wanted the group to build trust and relationship with each other. As we moved into the lesson for the day, we kept the small groups split. We task each group with breaking down the Scripture for the day (1 John 4:7-8). The group gained an understanding of how loving your neighbor is loving God. We have all faced times where it's been difficult to love due to circumstances and situations, but God's word teaches us how to get through these difficult times. We tried to dig deeper with understanding this concept. At the end of the night, we regrouped and shared what we had learned in our small groups.

Key Scripture

1 John 4:7-8

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God Is love.

This year's Theme

ROMANS 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality...

Key Discussion Questions

Follow up Discussion

- What does 1 John 4:7-8 mean?
- Read Roman 12:20 together and discuss how to love your enemy
- Talk through examples: In your home, where love is displayed through actions.
 - Example: I change my baby diaper daily. Not because I enjoy Changing diapers, but because I love my child and I know this Is what's best for him.

Daily Follow up

How was I "the light" today?

Our Goal this week: Is to let our light shine daily.

