

The 3E Pathway | Encouragement

Scripture Reading: Various

Opening Question:

Can you think of a time when you were loved or loved someone unconditionally, even when it wasn't deserved?

1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore **encourage** one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." | ESV Pew Bible 1174

Encourage = comfort, invite, encourage, to call near (to one's side).

Love God, Love People

Agape = love as a noun / concept or quality / excellence. Agapao = love as a verb / act of loving.

- **The Lord and Our Neighbors:** Matthew 22:37-39,
 - **One Another:** John 13:34,
 - **Our Enemies:** Matthew 5:44,
 - **Family:** Ephesians 5:25-28
 - **Strangers:** Deuteronomy 10:19*, James 1:27*,
 - **Love in Action:** 1 Corinthians 13.
- *implies agape/agapao love.

Encouragement in Action:

- **Welcoming people:** Romans 15:7
- **Inviting people:** Hebrews 13:2
- **Bearing one another's burdens:** Galatians 6:2
- **Comforting those in need:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- **Uplifting Words:** Proverbs 12:25
- **Showing Kindness:** Ephesians 4:32

Closing Question: How can you be encouraging to your neighbor today?