

God – Community of Love

Talk #5

Speaker & Length Spiritual Director, 40 Minutes

Introduction

This talk introduces the concept of receiving, and giving, the love of Christ. We are called in our new life to live in a new relationship to God. We live this relationship in the context of a community of love. We must live the law of love in our relationship with Christ and in our relationships with each other.

This talk outlines the ways in which this love is shown and introduces Palanca in preparation for the Koinonia service.

- 1. We are the people of God....His chosen ones**
- 2. We are the body of Christ**
- 3. We are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit**
- 4. We are called to minister to one another**
 - To Comfort
 - To strengthen
 - To admonish
 - To submit to one another
 - To forgive (pass out hearts)
 - To encourage (introduce Palanca)

In passing out the hearts, explain about writing the names of people (friends, parents, themselves, God) that they need to forgive. They should keep the hearts with them all day and at any time they think of someone else, they should add their name. This is in preparation for the Forgiveness service.

To introduce palanca, explain the term, then read selected team and community letters, and pass out one table item. The remainder of palanca will be introduced in chapel following this talk.