

**ATTENTION: The following is a requirement agreement for all Falls Creek 2019 Breakout leaders. You will receive more information in coming days, but below is what you agree to as a breakout leader.**

**As a Falls Creek breakout leader, I agree to:**

- Teach from the provided breakout content.  
Teaching plans are written or compiled by BGCO youth ministry staff. They all relate basic information that will help guide students to make wise decisions and live out their faith with a Christian worldview. These are very straightforward and will be easy to teach. Yes, you may customize the plan/outline to fit your teaching or presentation style, but please stick to the script. We are strongly encouraging each breakout leader to use a media presentation during their breakout. PowerPoint files for each outline will be available. You may customize the presentation or use it as is. You will receive a link to all teaching content.
- Use the full time given for the breakout and finish on time.  
Each breakout lasts an hour. Typically, an hour-long breakout has 35-40 minutes of presentation and 10-15 minutes of Q&A. It is not mandatory to hold everyone for the full hour. However, it is, strongly suggested you finish just before the hour is up to get students out to another breakout. Other breakout leaders and students who plan to attend other breakouts are counting on you to finish in a timely manner.
- Attend a breakout leader training video meeting.  
If you cannot join live, you will be required to watch the video archive of the meeting. We will not allow you to teach until you have completed the video and completed all required paperwork.
- Allow BGCO Youth Ministry to run a background check on me.  
As a program guest, we must hold a background check on you. This check will include a criminal background check as well as a check of the national sex offender registry. You must agree to the check in order to participate. All logistics will be coordinated through my associate, Sarah Wooten ([swooten@bgco.org](mailto:swooten@bgco.org)).
- To complete and submit the required W-9 and Workers Comp Exemption Affidavit as I will be compensated for the breakout.  
Complete the attached forms. Compensation is small gesture of gratitude for your willingness to participate in leadership at Falls Creek youth camps. We must have the paperwork in order to provide you payment. Please submit the both forms quickly after receiving the request from our office.

Thanks so much for being willing and open to leading a breakout at camp! I know our students this summer will benefit greatly from your leadership. If you unable to fulfill your responsibility to lead a Falls Creek breakout this summer, please respond quickly, and well in advance of your assigned breakout, so we can fill your slot.

Call (405-657-8094) or email ([tsanders@bgco.org](mailto:tsanders@bgco.org)) with any questions.

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## HOW TO LOVE IN A HATE-FILLED WORLD 2019 FALLS CREEK BREAKOUT LEADER GUIDE

First, we need to understand the importance of love as the bible speaks of it. The love we are talking about is not the emotional or romantic, “eros” type of love, but the selfless, “agape” love of God.

In 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, the apostle Paul established the *priority of love*. (Read scripture)

- This “agape” love is a love of esteem; it embodies the idea of “prizing.” It is the noblest word for love in the Greek language.
- Agape love is not based on the worth or merit of its object, but it originates in its own God-given nature.
- It delights in giving.
- This love keeps on loving even when the loved one is unresponsive, unkind, unlovable, and unworthy.
- Agape desires only the good of the one being loved. It is a consuming passion for the well-being of others.
- This is the love of John 3:16, Romans 5:8, and 1 John 4:10.

Paul states in these first three verses of 1 Corinthians 13 that **without love**:

- The greatest orator becomes an unbearable sound
- The wisest man is a fool
- The person of great faith, who can move mountains, amounts to nothing
- The most charitable person, who supports the most noble cause, profits absolutely nothing
- Even the one who would give his very life for a cause does so in vain, for it is of no value to him

Because the bible establishes this kind of a love as the basis for all that is right and meaningful, then this love is that the people of God are supposed to live out and show to others.

Just to be clear, without this kind of love, nothing we do matters. So **how do we live this kind of love?**

- **God’s love is available to all.** But, it is not automatic. We must repent and respond to God’s love by trusting in Jesus for salvation
- **We love this way by and through His power in us**  
By responding to the love of God in Jesus’ gift, we have the **God’s Holy Spirit** in us, which **enables us to love as God loves** us through Jesus.
  - 1 John 4:9
  - 2 Peter 1:3
- **God is Love, and lack of love reveals a life out of alignment with God.**
  - 1 John 4:7-8
- **Living out this kind of love becomes our mission**
  - 2 Corinthians 5:14

## Biblical Response to Anger & Hatred

The bible gives us some practical ways to respond to anger and hatred.

- **Be at peace (personally) and be a peacemaker (relationally)**
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:16, "Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!"
  - Romans 12:18, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."
  - James 3:18, "And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."
- **Do not respond in like kind**
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:15, "See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people."
- **Bless those who curse you**
  - Romans 12:14, "Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse."
- **Trust God to deal with the other person's issues**
  - 1 Peter 2:23, "and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously."
- **Remember who you are and who you represent**
  - Philippians 1:27, "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

**Try not to receive "hate" toward you from another person as an attack from that person.**

- The **anger and hate** people spew **usually have deeper roots** than anything they perceive you have done.
  - Something else could be the reason for their actions and you just happen to be the spark that puts you on the receiving end of their wrath.
- **The person** spewing hate **is not your enemy**; the power that promotes their attitude is the enemy.
  - Ephesians 6:12
- **Ask God to help you love the person.** God loves people who are sinners and reaches out to them in their sin to transform them. When we do the same, we show the world what God is like.

A few **more tips**:

- **Value Life**

Like many problems in our world, hate exists because we do not value life. If you do not value life, it is hard to live in a way that looks past your preference and prejudice and truly loves.
- **Be N.I.C.E.**
  - **Never alone.**

Pay attention to the world around you. Don't accept others loneliness.  
CONNECT! The church, and you as a part of it, should engage and include others.
  - **Intentional**

Show you care. Intentionally go out of your way to connect and support.
  - **Compassionate**

Despite their predicament (many of whom were in by their own choosing), Jesus had compassion on the crowds when He saw them (Matthew 9:36). Imagine if we lived with the compassion of Jesus.
  - **Encouraging**

“Never let a good word go unspoken.” Be an encourager. It’s hard to hate an encourager. It’s hard to hate when you encourage. Encouragement thinks of others. How can you encourage? Who needs your encouragement?

- **Remember, God loves you**, and as a believer you are His adopted child. **How He sees you and values you is more important** than how others view you or even treat you.
- **Speak up on behalf of those being bullied. Be the person you would want others to be for you.**