

## **True Lies - Part 2 Study Guide**

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This week's 'True Lie': *Love Is All You Need*

1. What do you think most people mean when they say things like "Love is all you need," "Love is everything," "All that matters is love," and "Love is love"?
2. Read [1 John 4:16](#). What do you think most people mean today when they say that *God is love*?
3. Now examine the same verse within its context by reading the three prior verses as well: [1 John 4:13-16](#). Where did John's definition of "love" come from? How should we interpret John's intent when he wrote "God is love"? What, specifically, was he suggesting about the love of God?
4. If Christians believe that God *is* love, and that all human beings (regardless of race, religion, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation) are made in His image, what does that say about the Christian understanding of true human nature? Why is it so important that Christians today do everything we can to communicate these beliefs to our love-obsessed culture?
5. What does it mean that our *desire* for love is good and godly, but our *definitions* of love are not?
6. Have you ever chased after a kind of love that was false or poorly defined? What consequences did you face, and how has your definition of love changed over

time? More specifically, how has Jesus realigned your understanding of true love?

7. Read [1 Corinthians 13:1-4](#). How does this biblical definition of love differ from some popular conceptions of love in our culture today?
8. How can it be dangerous to your soul to make a person the object of your love?
9. Read [John 15:13](#) and [Romans 5:8](#). What is *true love* according to the Bible?
10. Answer ONE of these:
  - a. How would it change your life if you decided to love the image of God within the people around you?
  - b. What would it look like for you to love God (as the object of your love) *through* the people in your life?