



Personal & Group Study Guide: May 1, 2022

Message Series: True or False: Fact-Checking Controversial Christian Claims

Message Title: YOU CAN LOVE JESUS AND HATE CHURCH

Series Intro: True or False: Fact-Checking Controversial Christian Claims. In this series we are digging into some pretty serious topics ranging from social media and climate change to drinking alcohol and God's preferred pronouns. Every week, you'll have the opportunity to tell us where you land on each "Christian claim" by answering *true, mostly true, mostly false, or false* and we'll share the results to start every message.

Before hearing this message, how would you define church?

What are the most common critiques Christians have concerning the church?

What is The Church?

What is the definition of the Greek word *Ekklesia*?

Read Ephesians 5:29-32

What images does Paul use to describe the relationship between The Church and Jesus?

The Church is the _____ of Christ

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If the Church is the Bride of Christ, how does that make it impossible to hate the Church?

How does your relationship with the church affect your relationship with Jesus? What areas of the Church do you feel called to support, encourage, or correct?

With your small group, or sometime this week read Revelation 21:1-14. How does passage change your perception of the Christ and Christ's love for it?