



True Lies - Part 1 Study Guide

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This week's 'True Lie': *Be True To Yourself*

1. Have you or someone you know ever used the phrase 'be true to yourself'? What did you or the other person mean when it was said?
2. What are some positive ways we can interpret this phrase? What are some negative ways we can interpret this phrase?
3. Read Romans 12:9. How have you struggled to properly live and love authentically? How can you
4. Read Psalm 139:23-24. What are some of the ways that you put yourself in the place of God? How can you
5. Read Luke 9:23-25. How can you increase your desire to *want* to follow Jesus?

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6. Regarding the question: 'Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus or a disciple of yourself?' How is living a life being a disciple of Jesus more true and better than living a life centered around yourself?

7. Read Ephesians 4:21-24. What does it mean to put off the old self and put on the new self? How does renewing the attitude of your minds help with this?

8. Have you ever had an "Etta" in your life? How has the example of seeing someone faithfully follow Jesus for a long time helped you in your faith?

9. How can you stay true to your very self (Luke 9:25), the self that you were created to be, while staying true to the Truth?

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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?

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This week's 'True Lie': *Follow the Science*

1. What do you hear when people say "Follow the Science?" What is your comfort level with this mantra - do you repeat it? Do you trust others who do? Why or why not?
2. Why is this topic so important for Christians to discuss in 2021?
3. How has the COVID-19 crisis changed your appreciation for - or your understanding of - the role of science in our society?
4. Read Psalm 19. What does it mean that "science follows God?"
5. *"All scientists - including agnostics and atheists - believe in God. They have to in order to do their work." - Vern Poythress*

What do you make of this quote?

6. Can following science be a tool to help you with your pursuit of the Truth? Why or why not?

7. Read Romans 1:19-23. What is the relationship between God and science? When in your life have you worshipped created things instead of the Creator?

8. One of the classical definitions of theology is *faith seeking understanding*. How does faith in Jesus Christ prompt a questioning search for deeper understanding? What's the relationship between faith and understanding?

9. In the bread illustration, Pastor Eric noted that science can tell us what and how and faith tells us who and why. What's significant about that statement?

10. How can you be more mindful and careful about your public witness when discussing a topic like science and how it relates to faith?

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This week's 'True Lie': *Karma is Real*

1. What is your definition of Karma? What do you think it means?
2. How did you come to define Karma and have you ever looked to Scripture to justify your definition? Why or why not?
3. How have you used karmic statements in the past? (Ex: They had it coming. What goes around comes around.) In what context did you use these statements?
4. How many people do you know who actually believe in reincarnation? Did you know that it was foundational to Karma? How does that change your view of Karma?
5. Read Hebrews 9:27-28. The author dismisses karma and the concept of reincarnation. What does this passage say about our life and judgment?

6. Isaiah 61:8, says "For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing."
What does this passage mean for Christians?

7. How is Karma an unmerciful justice system?

8. Read Galatians 6:8-9. How does this passage change your idea of reaping and sowing?

9. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How is the Gospel worldview different from a Karmic worldview?

10. The truth is none of us get what we deserve. Thanks to grace we can be forgiven because Jesus paid our debt. How can we offer that same forgiveness to others this week?