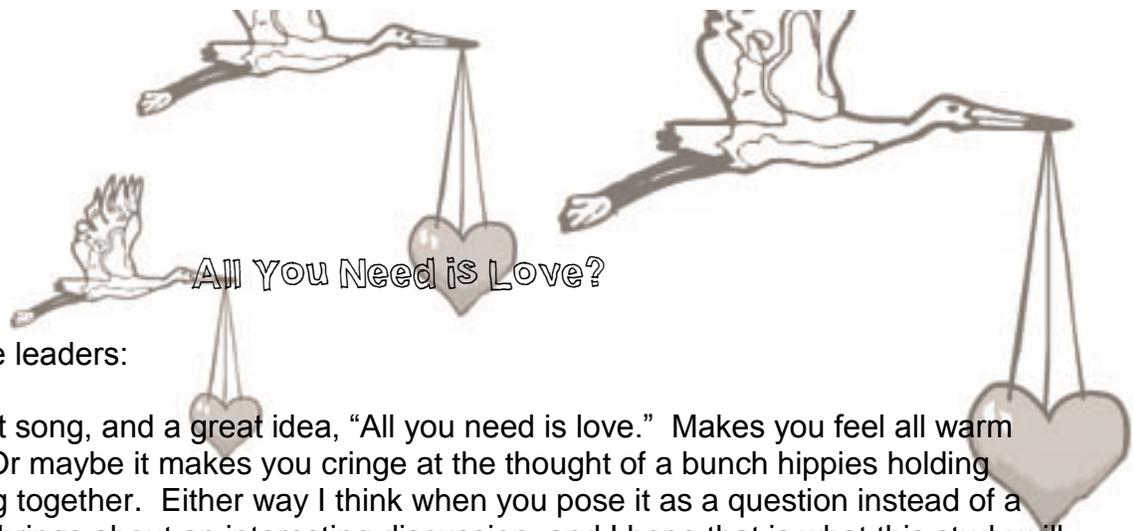


ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE



Author's note to the leaders:

Such a great song, and a great idea, "All you need is love." Makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside. Or maybe it makes you cringe at the thought of a bunch hippies holding hands and chanting together. Either way I think when you pose it as a question instead of a statement I think it brings about an interesting discussion, and I hope that is what this study will be, a discussion.

Love is one of the most mentioned and misunderstood words in the bible. It is a word we throw around a lot without much thought of its power and meaning. It's a word that our student's know is important, want to understand, and desperately need to experience in a pure, genuine way.

Love can also be hotly debated. Who are we to love? What does love look like? What's the balance between love and having a clear stand on a tough issue? We will get into all of this and more in detail as we go along.

Do not be afraid to allow your students to talk and express their opinions, emotions, and experiences. I almost guarantee you will be surprised by what you hear.

These lesson outlines are just that, outlines. Some of you just want a point and verse and to go from there, you can do that. Some of you are great at connecting with students but need more help with what to talk about when teaching. The info is there for you. You have freedom in this study to go where the Spirit leads, but I encourage you to follow the points because this curriculum has probably been chosen for a reason and each lesson builds on the other towards a main purpose.

Like any good study of a topic we are going to answer those important questions. Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? Here is our study will flow:

Lesson 1: Who are we supposed to love? - The Great Commandment

Lesson 2: What is love? – 1 Corinthians 13 (The love chapter)

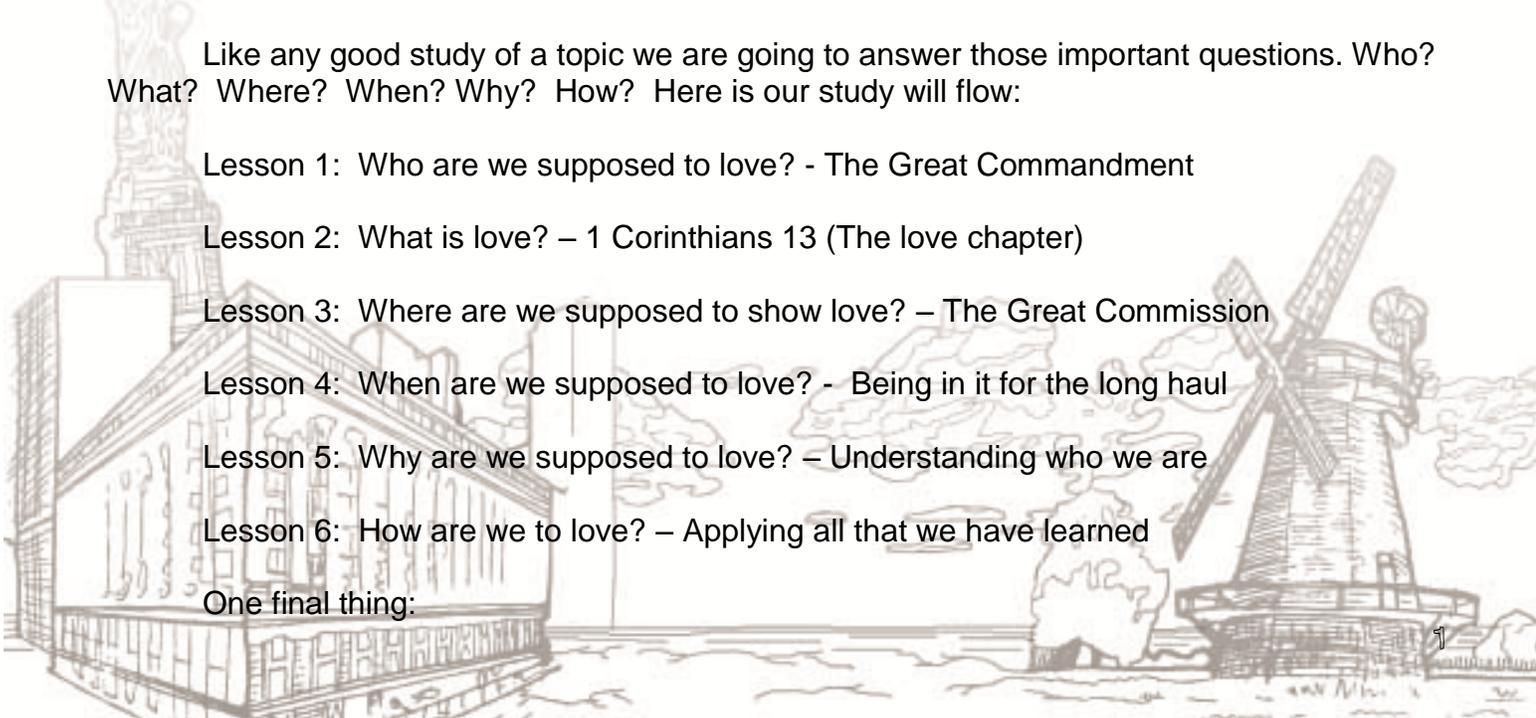
Lesson 3: Where are we supposed to show love? – The Great Commission

Lesson 4: When are we supposed to love? - Being in it for the long haul

Lesson 5: Why are we supposed to love? – Understanding who we are

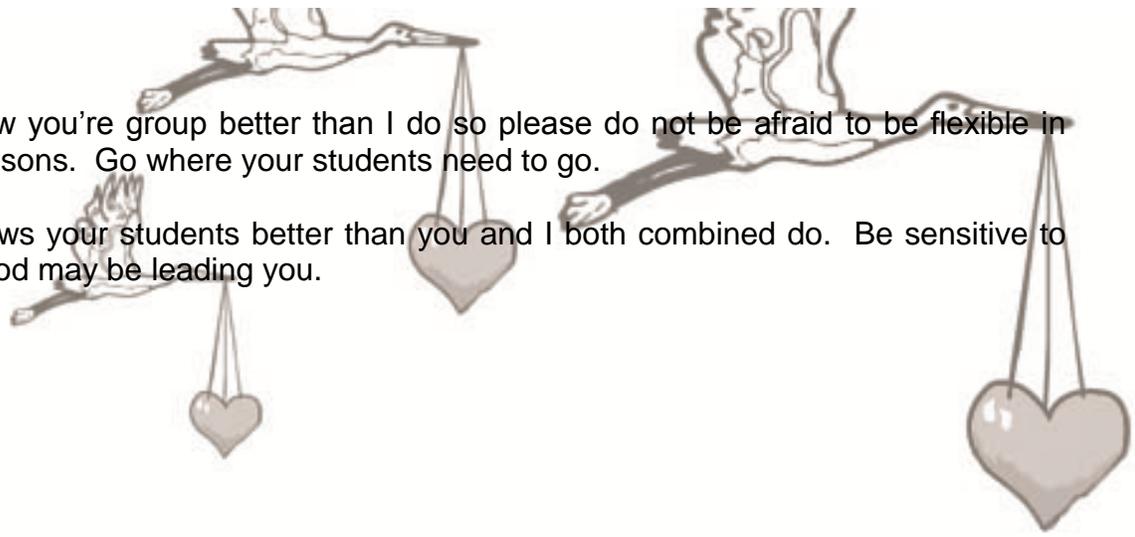
Lesson 6: How are we to love? – Applying all that we have learned

One final thing:



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1. You know your group better than I do so please do not be afraid to be flexible in these lessons. Go where your students need to go.
2. God knows your students better than you and I both combined do. Be sensitive to where God may be leading you.



3. Hang on for the ride. Maybe I am a little biased, but I really believe that if we grasp this idea, we will see radical transformations in ourselves, our students, our churches, and our communities.

I hope this study is as enjoyable and life changing for you as it was for me as I wrote it.

