

LSD Part 1: LOVE

What's love got to do with it?
Who needs a heart when a heart can be broken?
-Tina Turner

Love has much to do with our lives...

- We all want to be loved.
- Love is the greatest human virtue.
(1 Corinthians 13:13)
- Psychologically, love is what gives us our sense of belonging, our security.

What's happened to "love"?

Unfortunately "love" has become overused in our society... We "love" everything!

Love has become cliché ...

- I love you, baby!
- I love french fries!
- I love pizza!
- I love my dog!
- I love my car!

Differing Views

Modern society and the Bible have radically different views on love...

It's a matter of perspective.

Do you think your perspective differs from the opposite sex? Lets see...

Man vs. Woman

1. MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need, but it's on sale.

2. BATHROOMS

A man has five items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel from the Marriott. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

3. ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that... is the beginning of a new argument.

4. CATS

Women love cats.

Men say they love cats, but when women aren't looking, men kick cats.

5. FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

Man vs. Woman - Continued

6. SUCCESS

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.
A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

7. MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.
A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

8. DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.
A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

9. NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.
Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

10. MISTAKES

Any married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

Society Says:

Love is...

1. A profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person.
2. A feeling of warm personal attachment or deep affection, as for a parent, child, or friend.
3. Sexual passion or desire.

-Dictionary.com

The Bible Says:

Love is...

1. EROS = passion or desire
2. PHILIA = to be a friend to, fond of or to have personal attachment to
3. AGAPE = selfless, self-sacrificial, volitional devotion and caring

Society Says:

Love is...

just a FEELING.

The Bible Says:

Love, at it's core, is...

a CHOICE!

Jesus Life Illustrated This:

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

What do you think?

What kind of love do you need for a person before you marry them?

Eros?

Philia?

Agape?

The truth is...

You need them

ALL!!!

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think “love” has become so cliché in our society? Do you sometimes over use “love”? If so, in what ways?

Discussion Questions:

Society and the Bible have a very different perspective on love. Which perspective do you think is better? Why?

Discussion Questions:

Of the 3 types of love listed in the Bible, *eros*, *philia* and *agape*, order them in importance to you and share why.

Discussion Questions:

Share with the group one way that you have demonstrated true agape love to someone else.