

***Study Guide for
The Love Revelation***

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The Vignette: *Doing Lunch*

Summary: A couple engage each other on the question of abortion.

1. What were the reasons John and Pam were in Mexico? That is, what were their primary motivations?

2. What are John's and Pam's positions on abortion? What is the irony in their individual positions?

3. What were John's and Pam's upbringings like and how did they affect their positions on abortion?

4. Do you think their opposite views on abortion would be different if they were living in the States and not working in such poverty?

5. How do you think John and Pam worked out their marriage when they knew all along that they had differing views on abortion? (Were you surprised to discover they were married?)

Personal Assessment Questions:

- Do you have any friends who have a different viewpoint than yours on such social issues as abortion, homosexuality or gay marriage?

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- Do you believe it was right for John and Pam to marry when they knew they each carried different interpretations of Scripture and had different views on abortion?

- What do you think is the primary message of this vignette?

Chapter 6: “To Be Truthful with You...” (Love and Biblical Truth)

1. In the introduction to the chapter, “Where Is Truth?” the premise is made that “God’s word directly affects what kind of Christian is produced.” Do you agree with this statement? If not, why?

2. It is also the premise of the book that love must be rightly defined because love comes from God, and only God’s word can rightly define love. Do you agree or disagree? If you disagree, why?

3. In the section, “Truth and Love—They are Not Mutually Exclusive,” there are a number of bulleted statements made based on the passage from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Which of these statements do you agree or disagree with?

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9. Do you agree with the author’s statement that “There exists an enormous credibility gap between the evangelical’s message and the evangelical’s actions”? If not, can you point to some examples from the churches around you?

10. If you are a liberal Christian and you support a woman’s right to choose, do you find it difficult accepting other aspects of the liberal agenda, such as partial-birth abortion and gay marriage?

11. If you are a part of a megachurch—or any church for that matter—have you ever examined the church’s budget and compared how much it spends on itself as opposed to how much it spends on social needs?

12. Do you agree or disagree with the statement, “Love is what the truth is all about”?

13. Write what you believe is the main point of the chapter.

Main Point: _____

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Personal Assessment Questions:

- If you are an evangelical Christian, are you involved in any social outreach programs? If not, why? Have you been encouraged from the pulpit to get involved? If not, why not?

- How would you classify yourself, a conservative evangelical, a liberal Christian, a social progressive, or none of the above? Do you believe there is even such a thing as a “liberal Christian”?

- Why do you think there is such a perceived gap (“perceived” is an important word) in love and truth issues between conservative evangelicals and liberal Christians?

- If you believe that what the author is saying has merit about the priorities of evangelical Christians, and you yourself would classify yourself in that category, what changes are you going to make in your life to alter the perception? Likewise, if you are a liberal Christian or a social progression, what changes do you plan on making if you believe the author’s assumptions have merit?