

Unlocking Love
Week 4: Tenacity
May 2nd, 2021

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

This week we are focused on "Tenacity." Part of the definition is "maintaining persistence"...What is something that you maintain persistence in?

INTRODUCTION

This week is the conclusion of our series ***Unlocking Love: 4 Keys to Happy, Healthy Relationships***. Our keys have been generosity, honesty, and integrity. Our study today looks at the final key, ***Tenacity***. We are going to look again at the words of the disciple John. Our passage is found in ***1 John 4:7-21***. Listen as someone in your group reads this passage. As you do, consider what stands out to you in new or fresh ways.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:7-21

Read the passage: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE:

- What do you notice in this text with new or fresh eyes?
- What do you struggle with?
- What surprises you?
- What encourages you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- Why is John's encouragement to "continue to love one another" so important as a foundation for love?
- If "God is love," as John declares in verse 8, what does that teach us about the nature of love?
- In what ways do our human relationships reflect the love of God? In what ways are they different?
- How has your relationship with God impacted your relationships with other people?
- How could your relationship with God impact your relationships with other people?

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- **Where have you seen Jesus this past week in your world (where you work live and play)**

- **What action could you take this week to strengthen your relationship with God, and how might that change your relationships with others?**

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.