

Unlocking Love
Week 3: Integrity
April 25th, 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:

If you could go anywhere for breakfast, where would it be and why?

INTRODUCTION

Integrity is not just what we do; it is who we become! This week we step into this concept of Integrity as we continue in our series ***Unlocking Love: 4 Keys to Healthy, Happy Relationships***. We are looking at a letter the disciple John wrote to the church to help us discover what this concept means. Our passage is found in *1 John 3:1-10*. As you listen to someone from your group read this scripture consider what encourages, challenges, or jumps out to you.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:1-10

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:

- What makes someone a “child of God?” What are the implications of being a “child of God?”
- How can being God’s child ultimately make you like Jesus?
- How do you think accepting your identity in Christ might help encourage you to live with in purity/holiness?
- Verse 7 talks about behavior - doing “what is right.” How does this passage indicate that your “belonging” influences your behavior?
- What does John say in verse 10 is the key to ceasing sin?

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- Do you believe that you are God’s child? Do you find the truth of your identity in Him? How might you strengthen that bond with Jesus this week?

- **What part of your story (spiritual development) relates to this week's teaching that you can share in your world (where you live, work, play)?**

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.