

The Gathering Community Group Guide

The 10 Series – Week 6 // Being TENacious

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Daniel 3:13-18

Community Groups are the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering. It is through the interaction that takes place in each of these groups that will enable people to begin moving from being drawn to God to a life that is being deepened by God. Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering, owning, and applying the truths of God's Word. There may be aspects you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth. Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on an aspect of their relationship with God. Use this as a flexible teaching tool not a rigid group task list.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

In Week 6 of the 10 Series, Eugene Taylor highlighted the three Hebrew men Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who were so TENacious in their faith and worship that they were willing to be thrown into a furnace of fire. Eugene taught us the Big Idea – **being tenacious means never being shaken** – and pointed out that:

1. **Being tenacious starts with the heart.** Long before we can act tenacious, we have to be tenacious, and that transformation happens on the inside first.
2. **Being tenacious is seen in our actions.** But being tenacious involves so much more than just an internal commitment to never be moved. It also involves actually not moving. Some of the ways that we act tenacious is in prayer, Bible study, fellowship and giving. We do these things no matter what when we're tenacious.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What was one helpful, eye-opening, or troubling insight or principle from this week's message?
- Have you ever lived through an earthquake? If so, describe it. If not, what do you think it would be like?
- Read Matthew 7:24-27 and discuss the role of the foundation when it comes to living a tenacious life.
- Is hearing the words of Jesus enough to become tenacious? What is the other component that is necessary to be a wise builder according to the verses you just read?
- Is being tenacious the same as being stubborn? Discuss the differences as well as the similarities.
- The 3 Hebrew children in Daniel 3:23-25 had Jesus meet them in a very difficult situation. What are some "fiery furnaces" that you've been in where you experienced Jesus meeting you? How did that experience affect your tenacity in your faith?

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