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LIFEgroup Homework

For the week of: May 28, 2017

Speaker: Linn Winters: Week 5 of Grounded for Life

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What did you do over Memorial Day weekend?
2. Share about your upcoming summer plans: trips, stay-cations, project list.
3. Describe your parents to the group. Share about a time when they or another adult encouraged or inspired you.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Proverbs is a book full of principles, not promises. Promises say it is *always* this way – like cause and effect. Principles say it is *generally* true – like the best advise. With that in mind read, Proverbs 22:6.

What are a few good parenting principles and training topics that can help point a child in the right direction?

Pastor Linn mentioned two critical things to train your child in:

1. Obedience to authority
2. The ability to make good, wise decisions without your help.

What do you think about these two goals? How could they benefit your kids in the long run? Would you add a third goal?

2. Role One: The Grounds Keeper. As parents you set the lines on what is "out of bounds" for your family. He said it is vital that parents agree on what the clear lines are. Married couples, share a story of how you and your spouse came to a compromise about family boundaries. Single Parents share about a time you sought wisdom from others to help you establish a boundary. Single people share about a boundary you wish was different in your family growing up.
3. Role Two: Referee & Role Three: Coach

Read Proverbs 13:24 and Proverbs 1:8.
Discuss what parenting advise these verses provide.

Read Isaiah 40:10-11
What do these verses tell you about Jesus' role in your parenting?

Read Psalm 23
If Jesus says in John 10:11 that He is the good shepherd, what are some of the actions of a shepherd you see in Psalm 23 and in Ezekiel 34:1-16? Pay attention to the verbs and adjectives. How do these actions relate to parenting?

KEY THOUGHT

Parenting is rewarding and challenging. Take heart that you have a good shepherd, Jesus who promises to help and lead those who have young – that's you parents! As you navigate between the three roles Pastor Linn mentioned, you'll continue to discover how to train your children in the ways they should go. You get to be an example of the Good Shepherd, Jesus to your children.

What is the **ONE** parenting practice you are going to focus on next week?

Prayer Requests:

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