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Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of: April 16th, 2018

Speaker: Pastor Linn Winters

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What are your favorite memories as a child growing up?
2. What adult had the greatest impact on you growing up and why?

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. Read 1 Samuel 2:12 – 17; and Vs 22 – 25. What are the sons of Eli being accused of in these verses?

Why do you think the Lord so detested their actions? (See Lev 7:22 – 25)

2. Linn stated that the "Family" was intended to "reflect the person of God," beginning with a mother and a father. He said the mom and dad were meant to be the main conduit to reflect God.

From father children get:

Justice
Truth
Sexuality
Morals

From mother children get:

Compassion
Restoration
Unconditional love
2nd chances

Do you find this to be true?

How has the presence of a mother and father nurtured your adult growth in these areas or how has the absence of one (whether absent physically or through passivity, like Eli) made it more difficult?

3. Linn challenged everyone to begin to change direction and make our homes a "Christ Centered Home." Meaning, we need to take all of our cues on how to do family from Christ and not our culture. If you had a magic wand, what would you change in your family today?

What are three things you need to start doing today to make those changes without a magic wand?

Here are some possible areas you can begin today to build a Christ Centered Home:

- Regular church attendance
- A place of grace without allowing willful disobedience
- A place of service, in home and community/church
- A place where all practice spiritual disciplines; ie. Bible reading and praying
- A place where forgiving and seeking forgiveness is modeled and sought after
- Helping each other find their purpose

Which of these above need to be more strategically pursued in your home?

Prayer Requests:

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