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## LIFEgroup Homework

For the week of: May 7, 2017

Speaker: Guest Pastor Ted Cunningham: *"Child Centered Parenting"*

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What were some of the best things your parents did as they raised you?
2. What were some of the worst most frustrating things your parents did as they raised 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. Ted stated that, "The heart of your child is much more important than the behavior of your child." Do you agree? Why or why not?
2. Ted talked about reaching the heart of your children at any age. Read Proverbs 4:23; Luke 6:45; Matthew 15:18 and Mathew 12:34-35. What do these verses have in common?
3. In Ted's illustration of the "LOVE JUG," he stated that our spouses are the "first" ones we should be pouring into and receiving our "premium overflow from our hearts." Why is it so important that our spouses, not our children, receive the best of what we have to offer?

4. Ted talked about "Codependency" stating that it can be defined as, "excessive emotional reliance" or "relying on people, places or things as your source of life." So, when we blame our spouse, parents, children or even coworkers for our problems we are automatically setting them up as the source of our solution. When people or things become the source and the solution we get stuck. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
5. Ted stated that the Lord needs to be our source for all life, not people or things. Read John 1:1-5; Deuteronomy 30:19 20; Psalm 27:1; Proverbs 3 1-2. What do these verses say about where our strength and source of life should come from?

How can we teach these truths to our children?

6. Read the following verses,  
Deuteronomy 6:4. What does this verse tell us about the Lord?  
Deuteronomy 6:5. What do we do with this verse?  
Deuteronomy 6:6. What does this verse tell us about our heart?  
Deuteronomy 6:7. As parents, what command are we given about our children?
7. Ted stated the true source of life can be found in 1John 4:15-16, 19. What are three ways we can begin to live this out in our homes? What can you change today to make a difference tomorrow?

### TAKING IT HOME

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