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LIFEGROUP GUIDE

For the week of: Aug. 7th, 2016

Speaker: Linn Winters "Where Have all the Good Men Gone?"

MY STORY

1. Growing up, what were three things your father/mother taught you that they felt were essential to becoming a man/woman?
2. Has your view of relationships and dating changed since you first started dating? How so?
3. Looking back, what are some things you might change about your dating history? How would you change them?

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. Linn stated that most "marital" problems are really "single people" problems that we brought to marriage. Make a list of some of the obvious problems that we bring to marriage.
2. Linn stated that young men have no concept of what it means to be men. What should be some of the criteria/rites of passage be to "be a man?"
3. Read 1 Corinthians 16:13. In this passage, Paul is encouraging the men of Corinth. What are these encouragements? What does it look like to live these five out in our lives?
4. Having the courage to live a godly, obedient life and be the spiritual leader in your home is not always easy. After Moses' death, Joshua was called to be the leader of the Israelite nation. Read Joshua 1:1-9. What were the LORD's words to Joshua on how to carry out his tasks of leadership?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:12. What are Paul's instructions to young Timothy?

6. How would masculinity and relationships look if boys were taught these verses at a young age? Would it have changed where you find yourselves now? Are these attributes of masculinity attractive to women? How or how not?
7. Linn stated that the world teaches men to become men by consuming. But men don't become "real men" by consuming they become "real men" by building. What does this mean to a woman? What does this mean to a man?
8. Read Ephesians 5:25-29. Men, what does this really mean if we were to live it out? Women, how would your view of men be if this were really lived out? How would this affect a relationship?
9. Early Christian men figured out that they were to "Provide" and "Honor" women. What does this mean to men today? What does this mean to women today? How are these expectations different than the current reality of the world?
10. Linn stated the Christian man should provide Spiritual leadership in the home. What is your definition of Spiritual leadership? Does it involve your family regularly attending church, reading your Bible, prayer, obedience or just being strong and courageous?

TAKING IT HOME

MEN: How can you start becoming the Spiritual Leader in your home today?

WOMEN: How can you respect and support your husband in his efforts to become the Spiritual Leader of your home?

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