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LIFEgroup Homework

For the week of: Aug 14th, 2016
Speaker: Linn Winters "Selfish Dating"

MY STORY

1. When was the first time you realized you were in love?
2. What to you is an unmistakable demonstration of love?
3. In the book "The Five Love Languages," Gary Chapman outlines five ways we receive and demonstrate love: Receiving Gifts, Quality Time, Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Physical Touch. In order, what are the top three ways you receive love?

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. Describe your definition of immature love. How have you seen this play out?
2. Linn stated that, "The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior." Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5. What are some of the behaviors that Paul warns young Timothy to "Have nothing to do with?"
3. Psychologist suggest that in order to grow emotionally healthy every child needs respect, encouragement, comfort, security, support, acceptance, approval, appreciation, attention and affection (WOW). In the absence of one or all of these qualities, is it reasonable to believe we can find "the one" or become "the one" through casual dating? How then, do you become the one?

4. Do you think it is possible to not only "Fall in Love" but to "Stay in Love" for a lifetime? Why or why not?
5. Read John 13:34. What is this COMMANDMENT and what would this look like in a committed relationship?
6. Linn outlined three Greek words used for "love": Eros—erotic love, Phileo—brotherly love and Agape—unconditional love. How have you seen relationships move through these stages? How have you seen them stall in one?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7. What are the attributes that Paul suggests love is to take on and look like? Are you really committed to loving this way?
8. Which of these attributes mean the most to you and why?
9. Based on the attributes of 1 Corinthians 13, Place an X on the scale below where you think your current level of love is (How you act it out)? Now place an X where your current level of selfishness is.

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10. Where would your spouse or significant other place the same X's?

TAKING IT HOME

1. What are some ways you can improve your ability to love your significant other this week in a godly way?
2. What are three ways you can put to death the selfishness that seems to plague relationships?
3. Will you commit these truths to your dating/marriage life for 90 days?

Prayer Requests:

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