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LIFEgroup Homework

For the week of: June 4, 2017

Speaker: Pastor Linn Winters: "Firm Foundation"

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What are two things you wish you knew about raising children before you had them? (Or, what are two things you're happy you now know before having children?)
2. Linn shared a story of leaving his young son home alone (unintentionally) until he returned home for lunch. As a parent, grandparent, uncle or aunt, what is one silly mistake you made while being in charge of a child?

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

Linn started the conversation this week stating that there are four things he wished he knew before becoming a parent.

1. **Prepare my child to obey.**

- Linn stated that as parents we often choose to have our children obey at the worst possible times. Do you agree with this statement?
- What were some of the helpful suggestion Linn gave to help with this?

2. **Teach your kids to "Other"** (To care about how their actions and decisions affect those around them)

- Read Mark 12:30. What does this verse help say about raising children to care about others?

- Linn stated that that this verse should also help us understand and appreciate these three areas:
 - Others Before*
 - Others Around*
 - Others After*
- What are helpful ways we can share with our children the importance of these three areas?

3. **It is your purpose as a parent to help your children find their purpose in life.**

- Linn stated that a child "cannot" be anything they want to be but they can be amazing. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- Read Ephesians 2:10. What does this verse tell us about the purposes God has for our children?
- How does this verse explain the abilities our children currently have?
- Read Proverbs 22:6. How does this verse correlate with Ephesians 2:10?

4. **Kids tend to look like their parents.**

- If it's true that the "apple doesn't fall far from the tree" how can this be seen as negative? Positive?
- Read Deuteronomy 11:18. If you were to live out this verse in your home, what would it look like? What would need to change?
- As parents, how can we live out our faith with authenticity? What needs to change or remain the same?

TAKING IT HOME

- If the greatest spiritual impact parents have on their children is how they live out their faith, what are three things we need to approach differently beginning immediately?

Prayer Requests:



