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LIFEgroup Homework

For the week of: May 21, 2017

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Leman, *"Have a New Kid by Friday"*

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Dr. Leman talked about parents who can be at one end of the spectrum, "permissive" or at the other end "authoritarian." On a scale of 1 – 10 (1 being permissive) where did you parents land?

2. Where do you fall on that same scale?

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. Dr. Leman stated that in our culture today we tend to bring up children as if they are the "center of the universe." What are some of the ways you see this played out?

2. Read Ephesians 6:1-4. What do each of these verses have to say to parents and to children?

- a. Vs 1.
- b. Vs 2
- c. Vs 3
- d. Vs 4

3. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it. (NIV) This verse is not a promise of your children becoming Christians if you bring them to church regularly. Rather, it is saying to raise them in their bent (think personality, temperament, skills and abilities). This is true whether they are small or grown. How can parents practice doing this successfully?"

4. Dr. Leman stated that there is a great difference between "responding" and "reacting." (reacting to medicine is not good. Responding to medicine is good.) In each category below discuss the differences between responding and reacting and how the words used are different.

- a. Your child is caught lying
- b. Your child has done something very well
- c. Your child wants a pony
- d. Your child wants a tattoo

5. Dr. Leman stated that we need to be an "authority" to our children but not an "authoritarian." What is the difference and how does it play out?

6. Through this series it's been said, several times, that we want to build a "parent" centered home. Describe the differences between a "parent centered" and "child centered" home. Why is this distinction so important and what changes need to happen in your home to create a "parent centered environment"?

Prayer Requests:

