



Fixer Upper Pt. 1
Inspection

LifeGroup Discussion Guide
for the week of 10/8/2017

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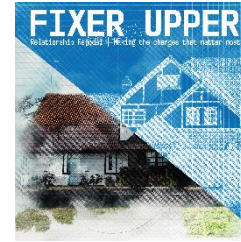
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