

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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### **Bible Verse**

#### John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

#### **Life Skills Class**

Our Youth Life Skills class with Tom is every Wednesday night at 7pm for all Youth grades 7-12.

Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

#### Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 1/18/15

#### Hello Chris

This week, we continued our Jesus and our future series. We reviewed how Jesus saved us FROM the consequence of sin, which is death, and discussed what Jesus saved us TO. We learned that Jesus saved us TO have life more abundantly.

We started by making a list of all the things we think would make our lives awesome or more abundant. We then discussed somebody who seems to have a most awesome and abundant life, Tom Brady, Quarterback for the New England Patriots. We agreed that he definitely had an abundant life.

We watched a short video clip about Tom Brady and his awesome life; getting paid millions of dollars every year to play a game that he loves, living his dream, married to a super model, etc. It was at the end of the video, during an interview with Tom, that was most surprising.

Tom said that he wished he knew why, after winning three super bowls and having millions of dollars, a beautiful wife, etc. he felt like there was still something missing from his life, he believed that there had to be something more to life.

We asked how could it be that somebody who seems to have everything that we would associate with an abundant life can still feel empty like something is still missing.

For an answer, we took a look in **John 1:1-4** and found that there is no true life without Jesus because Jesus is life. We then looked to **Genesis** to see how life was originally created by God to be and saw that Adam and Eve lived in a close personal relationship with God and had a truly abundant life with no worries, no troubles and everything they could ever possibly need provided for them without even having to ask. This is how God created us to be.

We said that God created us to be in a perfect unbroken

personal relationship with Him, finding all of our fulfillment, joy and happiness in Him. But, we were led astray and instead look for fulfillment and happiness in other people or man-made things.

We read **John 10:7-10** and saw that Jesus came so that we may have that same relationship again and truly live our life the way it was created to be. We said that all of these other things were not inherently bad to have but they were never intended to give us the fulfilling and satisfying life that we can only have through Jesus.

We also learned that we must be very careful regarding things such as fame, fortune and material things because Satan will use them to fool us and distract us from following Jesus and living as God intended.

We then took a look at **Psalm 23** for another picture of what an abundant life with Jesus as our shepherd looks like.

In just the first four verses we see God providing true satisfaction and fulfillment, comfort, peace, forgiveness and renewal, direction and purpose, protection from evil and a life free from fear.

We agreed that there was nothing on our list of worldly things that could even compare to what we have with Christ Jesus.

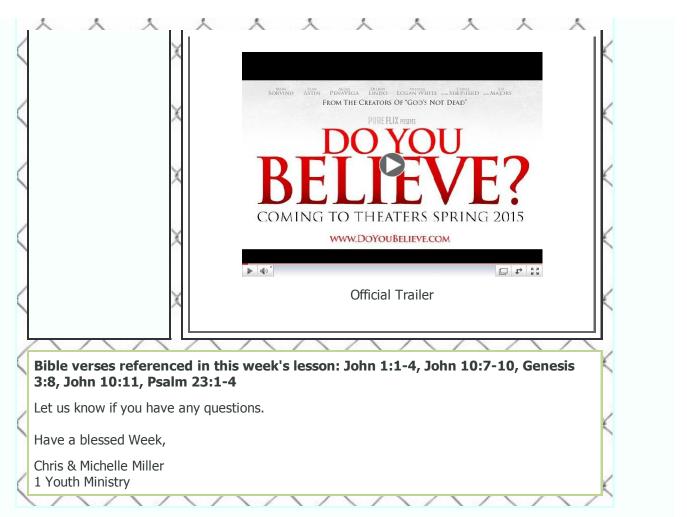
Join us next week as we continue our Jesus and our future series when we talk about giving to receive.

## **Upcoming Events**

Mark this date on your calendar!

Coming up Friday, March 27, 2015 - Join us when we go see the new movie "Do you Believe?" followed by an overnight "lock-in" at LWA. More details to come. Check out the official trailer below.

Parents, please let us know if you would be interested in being a chaperone for either the movie or the lock-in or for both.



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