

## Grades 7-12

We'll be packaging the items into gift bags during our Christmas Party on December 12th.

We also talked about why people followed Jesus and why God needs us to spread the "good news" of the Gospel to others. Jesus brought his message of God's Love & Grace for all people to everyone who needed to hear it but there were some places where He was not accepted. Even in his own hometown, **Matthew 13:54-58**, the people "took offense at him" and He could not perform many miracles there because



### No Wed Night

Our Youth Life Skills class with Tom will **NOT** be held this Wednesday night so that our youth can spend time preparing for Thanksgiving with their families.

### Youth Band

Please continue to work on your songs on your own and watch for the next group rehearsal announcement.

of their "lack of faith".

God uses each of us with our own unique abilities to spread the Gospel with those whom we can influence the best. Each of us have our own "sphere of influence" and can speak with others in a way that they listen.

We said that the best way for us to continue to share Jesus' message with others who need to hear it is not to just preach and read scripture to them but to live as Jesus did with Christ-like character and to share our own testimony with others. In this way our light will help guide others to God's saving grace.

We ended by saying that a Church is NOT about religion forcing you to follow a bunch of rules. A Church is about Jesus inviting you to follow Him and have a relationship with Him as well as with each other and to invite others to follow.

Being a Christian is not only believing in Jesus Christ and following his teaching but also spreading His message so that all can be saved and none will perish. We said to ask yourself if a court accused you of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? In other words, would people know you are a Christian simply by your character?

If the answer is, Yes, that's awesome. If the answer is no, maybe or I'm not sure, you just found something to work on.

Next week we'll talk about Thanksgiving and Gratitude.

### Upcoming Events

**Friday, December 12th Youth Christmas Party!** We will have our annual youth Christmas party at LWA from 7-10pm. Join us for fun, food and fellowship. Please sign-up in the youth room so we know how much food we need.

**Christmas Eve Service** - Join us in the sanctuary for a special Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24 at 4pm. Featuring music by electric string quartet, Phat Strad, along with Living Word's singers and choir. All are welcome!

**Bible verses referenced in this week's lesson: Matthew 5:3-11, Ephesians 1:22-23, Matthew 13:54-58, John 6:2, Luke 6:46**

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed week,



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