



Grades 7-12



While this is not an official Youth Group Event, we would like to recommend that all of our youth go see the movie "Old Fashioned" to witness what a God-honoring courtship in contemporary

The anger and bitterness that we hold in our heart toward somebody hurts our relationship with others and hurts our

America looks like.

Michelle and I took the girls to see this and suggest that our youth, boys and girls, all go see it if possible.

Theater locations and times can be found on the website link below.

[See Website Here](#)

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.

relationship with God. It even hurts ourselves to be walking around with anger and bitterness all the time.

We said that it was okay to GET angry sometimes as long as we don't STAY angry. It's the staying angry that hurts us and others around us. We also said that we are not to SIN while we are angry and noted that Satan will use strong emotions such as anger to lead us to sin and away from God.

We also learned that there is a difference between "just anger" and "unjust anger". Jesus showed "just anger" toward the Pharisees for hurting the very people they were charged with saving or when he cleared the Temple of money changers and merchants because they were taking advantage of the poor people bringing their offerings.

"Just anger" leads to a positive action. Such as us getting angry at bullies who pick on a "special needs" student and then doing something about it or being angry about homeless teens and then doing something about it. We said that anger that leads to violence is rarely the right way.

We recalled, from Conrad's lessons several months ago, that having anger, bitterness and unforgiveness in your heart can lead to barriers in your prayers being answered.

This topic of anger and bitterness as it related to having a good relationship with others is so extremely important that Jesus tells us, in **Matthew 5:23-24**, that if a brother or sister has something against us we should actually interrupt our worship to first go and be reconciled with them.

We noted that Jesus said in verse 23, "your brother or sister has something against you" because it is US who should take the initiative to reconcile with our brother whether we are the ones who are offended or are the ones doing the offending.

We agreed that letting go of anger and bitterness or forgiving someone can be extremely difficult and in fact is impossible to do on our own. That is why we have the Holy Spirit to help guide us.

We also said that there can be times when actually facing the person to be reconciled with them can be physically dangerous and we should never put ourselves in a place of danger. Prayers for them, for ourselves and for the help of the Holy Spirit to help guide us in the direction of making

things right before God.

We closed by praying for forgiveness for the sin of holding any anger or bitterness toward another and asked for help to let it go and to give us the courage and the strength to resolve any situations that may be causing us to hold anger or bitterness in our hearts that effects our lives and all of our relationships including our relationship with Jesus.

Join us next time as we talk about difficult relationships.

Upcoming Events

Human Hungry Hungry Hippos Game! Wednesday night!

Yes, if we get enough youth to Tom's class this Wed night, we will play Human Hungry Hungry Hippos! Don't miss out. 7pm **TONIGHT! Wednesday, February 18th.**

THIS FRIDAY February 20th - Movie Night!


Join us at LWA for games, pizza and friends while we watch "God's Not Dead" for those who haven't seen it or who would like to see it again. Don't miss it! From 6:00pm to 10:00pm at LWA.

Saturday, February 21st:

Join us for our monthly community service project helping to clean the kids meeting rooms at Tempe Child Protective Services. We meet at LWA at 9:30am and return after lunch.



Coming up Friday, March 27 - 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.



Bible verses referenced in this week's lesson: Matthew 5:21-24, Matthew 23:25-26, Ephesians 4:26-27, James 1:19-20

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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