



## Grades 7-12



We said that **understanding** is having an awareness of why people do what they do (knowing their story). Instead of

God-honoring courtship in contemporary America looks like.

**It is opening this weekend!**

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

Michelle and I will be taking both of our daughters on Sunday evening to the San Tan Village 16 in Gilbert.

[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.

jumping to conclusions about them or making up our own story about them, we should talk to them to get the whole story and maybe try putting ourselves in their shoes.

We said that **grace** is basically when you get better than you deserve. All sin deserves God's judgment but by our relationship with Jesus we are freed from the consequence of our sin. We didn't earn it and we certainly didn't deserve it but God graciously gave it to us because He loves us.

We said that we can extend grace to others by being quick to forgive them and by treating them better than they deserve. We pointed out, however, that grace does NOT condone wrongdoing or consider a wrong deed to be right. Grace simply loves despite the wrongdoing.

We agreed that extending understanding and grace is not always easy but it is a major part of what it means to have relationships that are Christ-centered and honor God.

We ended our class by asking God to make us each more aware of our own sins and help us to see other people's shortcomings through the lens of our own.

**CHALLENGE:** Your challenge is to identify one person in your life that you see on a regular basis who you have been critical of or has let you down or maybe you just don't like them very much for whatever reason.

Once identified, you are to simply talk to that person. Ask them questions about their life, get to know them and their story. Then, the hard part, extend them the same **grace and understanding** that God gave to you. It may not be easy and they may even resist talking to you at first but the result will move you closer to having Christ-centered relationships.

Join us next time as we talk about anger in relationships.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **NEXT EVENT! 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.



Official Trailer

### Bible verses referenced in this week's lesson: Luke 6:41-42

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller  
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