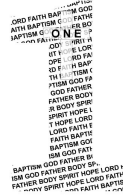


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Bible Verse

Philippians 4:9

9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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 3/15/15

Hello Chris



This week we continued our series about Jesus and our identity after reviewing last week's lesson about how we are to be the salt and the light of the world simply by living our lives as Christians and how others should be drawn to God by

the goodness that they see in our lives. We then talked about how greatness in the eyes of God appears to be the opposite of what the world considers great.

We started our lesson in **Mark 9:33-37** to see what Jesus had to say to His Disciples about what it is to be great. We read that the Disciples had been arguing with each other over who was the greatest. We said that the Disciples were probably still thinking that the kingdom that Jesus kept referring to was an Earthly kingdom and envisioned Jesus overthrowing the Romans and leading Israel to a prominent position in the world. Being the greatest would put them in positions of power in the new kingdom.

Of course, Jesus was talking about the Kingdom of God with God as the King ruling with grace, love and mercy, not a military or political conquest. Jesus, once again, turned their way of thinking upside down when he told them "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all".

According to Jesus, we should seek to serve others in the same way that He serves us, with grace, love and mercy. Those who take on this role are the ones who are truly great. It's okay to be successful and important or powerful but God does not look at our greatness as defined by the world, He looks at our greatness as defined by our **LOVE** for each other.

We also looked at Paul's letter to the **Philippians in chapter 2:3-4** where he talks about having humility instead of being selfish. We said that humility is looking out for others needs and seeing them as God sees them. We said that each of us are meaningful and valuable to God and He loves each of us equally.

We said that in our self-focused, self-obsessed, 'me first' world, seeing others equally and thinking of others needs with an attitude of service is the exact opposite of what the world defines as greatness but in God's Kingdom it is the greatest of all.

We talked about some examples of areas in our life that we can serve. There are plenty of opportunities to serve our family at home by thinking of others feelings or helping out without being asked. At school, we can serve by supporting others, giving encouraging words or just being a friend when needed. We said there are countless ways we can serve in our Church or in our community.

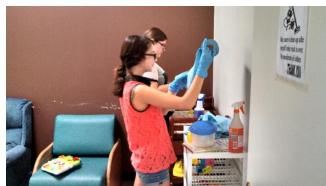
We found that "serving" is actually more about our attitude than in doing "good deeds". It is really an attitude of caring for and loving others in the way that God loves us and it is an integral part of our identity as Christians.

The best part about Jesus' definition of greatness is, as **Martin Luther King Jr.** said in a short video clip that we watched, "by giving that definition of greatness, it means everybody can be great because everybody can serve." Each and every one of us can be "great" in the Kingdom of God.

[<See the video here>](#)

Join us this Saturday in our monthly community service (see below) and join us Sunday as we continue talking about Jesus and our identity as Christians.

Upcoming Events



THIS SATURDAY, March 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.

1 Youth Movie & Lock-in!!!

Next week! Friday, March 27th, meet at LWA at 6:00pm to go with us to see "Do You Believe?" and then return to LWA for an overnight Lock-in until 8:00am Saturday morning!

In order to help transition our new students graduating from "**LWA Kids**" to "**1 Youth**" in just a couple of months, we are also inviting current 6th graders to join us for **THIS** event (please talk to us 1st).

Everyone must have a permission form signed by a parent to attend. You can [download one here](#) or pick one up in the youth room.

If possible, please drop it off with us by Sunday March 22 so we have an idea of how many are attending. **The cost is \$10** for the movie plus whatever you want to bring for snacks. There is no charge for the lock-in.

This is a really powerful movie that challenges us as Christians to not only believe in Christ but to accept and embrace our identity in Jesus and actually live out our faith in our daily lives.

See the trailer below.

Adult Chaperones: Please let us know what times you will be available between 6pm Friday to 8am Saturday so we can make sure we have enough coverage. Thank you so much!



Official Trailer

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Mark 9:33-37, Philippians 2:3-4

Let us know if you have any questions.



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