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## Bible Verse

### Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

## 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 3/29/15

Hello Chris

This week we concluded our series about Jesus and our identity after reviewing our lessons about how Jesus has called us to draw others to God by the way that we live our lives, to be great in God's eyes we must humbly serve others and to live a fruitful life we must stay connected to Jesus as a branch is connected to a vine.

We started this lesson in **Matthew 9:35-38** where we saw a picture of Jesus' mission of teaching and spreading the "good news" of the Kingdom of God throughout the land.

We saw that Jesus had compassion on everyone in the crowd, regardless of whether they were with Him or against Him, because they were lost and in need like sheep without a shepherd. This says that, like Jesus, we too should have compassion on everyone in need

Jesus told His followers that they are to be the solution to the lost and be His messengers of the Gospel so that when the people hear the Gospel and believe, than can be saved.

We said that spreading the Gospel is not something we do out of obligation but is something that is a central part of our identity as Christians. Compassionate love for the lost and the needy should always be our motivation.

We said that if we saw somebody about to be hit by a bus and we had the power to save their life, we would most certainly do it. But, when it comes to sharing our faith and the Gospel it was not quite as clear.

We said that when we can see others with the compassion of Jesus and truly understand the consequence of them being separated from God it becomes easier to see that we have been given the power to help lead them to salvation through the Gospel and ultimately save their life.

We were reminded that the best and easiest way to help bring others to salvation is to simply let others see God's goodness in our living a Christ-like life. Others will be drawn to you in order to learn more.

Once they are drawn to you, the important part is to have compassion on them and help them find the answers they are seeking.

Again, we said that "preaching" to them spouting various Bible verses, handing them a Bible to read or judging them for whatever sin they may have done is **NOT** the way to help them find salvation.

We said that the most powerful message is that of your own personal testimony of how Jesus has made an impact on your life. We discussed various other ways to share our faith and the Gospel with others like sharing the "**Life**" books that we have in the Youth Room. These books are easy to understand and a great place to start learning about the Gospel. These books are FREE to handout to as many people as you find and are always available in the Youth Room. Another way we discussed is to invite them to a Church service or even to a Church or Youth activity.

We said to take some time this week and ask God to show us how we can practically be used to help spread His message with others and literally help save their lives.

We realized that there are opportunities to be messengers of the Gospel all day long, all around us, every day so it's not so much that God identify the opportunity but more importantly that He give us the strength to follow through once the opportunity arises.

We closed by each of us identifying to ourselves one person in our life that does not have a saving relationship with Jesus and then asked God to give us the compassion and the strength to reach out to this person and help start them on the path to salvation through the power of sharing the Gospel.

Join us next time for a special Easter lesson that will have you thinking.

**Movie/Lock-in**

We just wanted to thank everyone who attended and who helped with our Movie/Lock-in event last Friday. It was a great success and everyone loved the movie and had a really good time after.

We're definitely looking forward to our next event.

**Bible verses referenced in this lesson:** Matthew 9:35-38, Colossians 3:12, James 2:26

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller

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