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Bible Verse

Ephesians 4:31-32

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave 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

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 4/26/15

Hello Chris



This week we continued our series about what Jesus had to say about "mean people". We reviewed the first week where Jesus said that when we're living as Christ-Followers and people are mean to us we should count

it as a blessing and look for how God is working for good in the situation. We then reviewed week two where Jesus taught that, as Christians, we are called to treat mean people with grace and mercy so as to identify ourselves with God showing His goodness through us.

This week we learned what Jesus had to say about not fearing "mean people". Not the trembling terrified type of fear but more like being uneasy or having a desire to avoid the people who are "mean" to us.

We started in **Luke 12:4-6** where Jesus is telling the Disciples to not fear mere people whose actions may affect our Earthly bodies but could not do anything to our eternal souls. When compared to the impact that Satan has on leading people away from God and affecting their soul for eternity, the bully calling you names just doesn't seem like that big of a deal anymore.

Jesus also says that we are so very important to God that He promises to be by our side through the worst of anything we may experience at the hands of "mean people". We have God with us, in the Holy Spirit, every minute of every day, to help us, to guide us and to give us the strength to deal with any "mean people" in our lives. There is nothing that any person can do to separate us from God and when God is with us, we have nothing to fear.

We said that the only thing that we need to do is to listen to

great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

the Holy Spirit but we often do not hear the Holy Spirit. We did a demonstration showing how just because we don't hear somebody doesn't mean they are not talking to us.

We said that this is often what happens when the Holy Spirit is talking to us. We are so distracted by all the "noise" in our lives that we can't hear the Holy Spirit guiding us or sometimes even if we do hear Him, we choose to not listen.

We said that we can know for sure that the Holy Spirit is always with us and helping us through any situation because God promised that He would be. It is up to us to not only hear Him when he speaks to us but to also listen to what He is telling us. If we do our part to listen and obey the Holy Spirit in us, we have nothing to fear.

Join us next time as we finish up our series about how Jesus expects us to deal with "mean people".

Upcoming Events

Summer Camp!

Don't miss Living Word Bible Church Summer Camp!
High School camp, for students going into 9-12 grade, is June 1-5.
Junior High camp, for students going into 6-8 grade is June 22-25.

Each camp costs \$149 plus \$30 for transportation to and from camp. Each camp is also limited to the first 50 students who register.

Register for camp online at:

<http://livingwordonline.com/index.php/summer-camp>



Junior High Camp 2013

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: 2 Timothy 1:7, Luke 12:4-6, Luke 12:11-12, Luke 10:17-19, Hebrews 2:14, 1 John 4:4

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller
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