

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Galatians 5:25

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Life Skills Class

Our Wednesday night Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are back!

Come out for fun, fellowship and maybe even a little learning about topics important to you.

7:00pm every Wednesday night only at LWA!

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 7/12/15

Hello Chris



This week, we reviewed our entire series on what Jesus had to say about loving others.

We started by reviewing our first lesson about the "Greatest Commandment" which in **Matthew 22:37-39** Jesus tells us to Love God & Love Others. We also

remembered that the cool thing about loving others is that it is one of the ways we show our love for God.

We then moved on to lesson two and Matthew 5:43-45 where we see Jesus turn His Disciples world upside down by teaching that they are to Love Their Enemies and Pray for Those Who Persecute Them. We said that by showing love for even the hardest for us to love, proves we are children of God and we show others what an amazing difference a saving relationship with Jesus can make in our lives. We also said that showing God's love to those most difficult to love not only opens the heart of those who are loved to God but also brings peace to us.

We continued to lesson 3 in **Matthew 25:31-45** where Jesus tells the story about judgment day and how He will separate the righteous from the un-righteous. We remembered that we are to love the "least of these" by taking care of the needs for the poor and the needy.

We noted again that our actions do **NOT** save us as the story may seem to say on the surface but our actions, or 'good works', do help identify us as already being saved. We were reminded that we are saved by our faith and our belief and acceptance in our heart that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Our actions of showing God's love to others in need are simply the fruit of our saving relationship with Jesus.

We reviewed lesson 4 in **John 13:33-35** where Jesus took the "loving others" command into more detail when He said "...Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another". He also added that we are to be "known by" our love for one another.

We said that ideally, nobody should ever have to ask you if you are a Christian. People should just know that you are a follower of Jesus simply from your actions and your general character. Jesus wants us to be known as His followers by our actions of showing God's love toward each other.

We finished up by reviewing what loving others as Jesus loves us would actually look like in our lives by reading Paul's letter in **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**, where He lists the attributes of a Jesus-centered love, and replacing the words "love/it" with "I" to better see what we can do to meet those attributes in our lives.

1Corinthians 13:4-7: 4 Love is (I am) patient, love is (I am) kind. It does (I do) not envy, it does (I do) not boast, it is (I am) not proud.5 It does (I do) not dishonor others, it is (I am) not self-seeking, it is (I am) not easily angered, it keeps (I keep) no record of wrongs.6 Love does (I do) not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.7 It (I) always protects, (I) always trusts, (I) always hopes, (I) always perseveres.

We talked about each attribute and what a real Godly love can actually look like in our life. We also were reminded that **1 Corinthians 13:4-7** is NOT really a list of rules for us to follow but rather a guide to help us see how we can show God's love to others in our everyday lives.

See our website for more details of each lesson.

Join us next time for a special Video Lesson by John Bevere teaching "The Bait of Satan". Hear about one seemingly harmless thing that we all do that Satan uses as bait to lead us away from God and what we can do to avoid doing it.

Upcoming Events

Friday July 31:

1 Youth Pizza and a Movie night featuring the movie "Moms night out".

See Trailer --->
At LWA 1 Youth room
from 7:00pm to
10:00pm. Cost is FREE!



Join us for fun, food & fellowship along with a hilarious family comedy.

Saturday August 29:

Mark your calendars now for the most fun you will have all summer.

See Promo --->

Join us and a few hundred of your closest Jr. High and High School friends in pledging to stay sexually pure until



marriage, tackling the most outrageous obsticle course known to man and staying for the amazing after party with inspirational messages plus live performances by '7th Day Slumber' and 'Fireflight' all combined to make it the best night ever!

This event will take place at our Mesa campus located at Brown & Val Vista in Mesa. Registration will be available at LWA beginning this Sunday.

FX15-BeU Youth Conference!

Mark your calendars now for the biggest most exciting Youth Conference ever!

November 12th through November 14th at Living Word in Mesa

Lots of fun activities for Junior High and High School students with amazing guest speakers and performers each day. Invite all of your friends!

More details to come...Mark your calendars now!

Check out our **Facebook Page** For more information!

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Matthew 22:34-40, Matthew 5:43-47, Matthew 25:31-45, John 13:33-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller

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