

## 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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## **Bible Verse**

### **Ephesians 3:16**

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

## **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 7/26/15

### Hello Chris



This week, we began a new series about our purpose on Earth or "why are we here?". We started with what is God's purpose for us.

We read in **Genesis 1:27** that we were created to be like God, in His image, in a close personal relationship with Him just as Adam & Eve were before they ate the forbidden fruit.

We also looked at **Ephesians 4:22-24** and found that we are to put off our old selves and put on our new self, created to be like God. Our purpose then is to be more like God, to be in that relationship with Him again as it was in the beginning.

We talked about what we can do to be more like God and of course found the answers in the Bible. We said that Jesus spent 3 years of His life on Earth teaching us and showing us by His own example how we should live to be more like God, to be more like God created us to be.

We also talked about the 10 Commandments, God's basic list of things that we should and should not do to be more like Him. We also remembered, from our last series, that Jesus condensed everything down to just two commands, to Love God and to Love Others. We learned that when we truly love God and truly love others as Jesus loves us, we are well on our way to becoming more like God.

We then studied **Galatians 5:22-23** to see what else we should do or, more accurately, what we should have in our every day lives. We talked about the **Fruit of the Spirit**, the fruit that we should bear as Christians in a saving relationship with Jesus. We looked closer at each one and discussed in detail what each means in our every day lives.

**Fruit of the Spirit**: love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

We said that self-control is probably the most difficult and also the most important because without it, we cannot become more like God. Without Jesus, our flesh wants to be selfish, unkind, jealous, angry, etc. and just because you accept Jesus into your heart does not mean that those humanly instincts and desires just go away.

We will still be tempted to act in an ungodly way no matter how hard we try to be more like God. As a matter of fact, the more Christ-like you become, the harder Satan will work to tempt you away from God. Self-control to resist Satan's temptation is more than we can handle on our own and it can only be accomplished with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Again, Jesus shows us by His example that it is possible for us to resist any temptation by leaning on the Holy Spirit for help just as He resisted Satan's temptations.

Everyone agreed that one of the first things they noticed when they came into the classroom was the giant plate of fresh fruit on the table. We also agreed how great it would be to have some of the fruit.

We learned that is exactly how it is when you live with the Fruit of the Spirit in your life. People begin to notice something different about you and see how good it is and they want to have the same in their life.

So, when you wonder about your purpose, think about becoming more Christ-like to not only experience all of the Fruit of the Spirit in your own life but to also show others by your example how good it is to be in a saving relationship with Jesus so that ultimately, all can be saved.

Join us next time for some more about our 'Purpose'.

## **Upcoming Events**

## THIS 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 each Sunday.

Adults: If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please sign-up at the registration table at LWA on 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: Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 4:22-24, Exodus 20:3-17, Galatians 5:22-23, 1 John 4:8, Proverbs 14:29, Ephesians 2:8

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller 1 Youth Ministry

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