

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Bible Verse

1 John 4:7

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Life Skills Class

Our Wednesday night Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are taking a break for the summer.

Watch for classes to resume in August.

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 7/5/15

Hello Chris



This week, we finished our series on what Jesus had to say about loving others. We started by identifying some famous people by what they were "known by". We then discussed some things that we might be "known by" and said that Jesus had a very specific thing that He wanted His followers to be

"known by".

We then reviewed our previous lessons about the two greatest commandments, Love God & Love Others and our lesson on loving people who don't like or may even hate us. We then reviewed last week's lesson about loving the "least of these".

We started this week's lesson in **John 13:31-35** where Jesus was preparing His Disciples to be able to continue without Him being physically with them. We saw that Jesus took the "love others" command from our first lesson a step farther when He told them to love one another "as I have loved you".

We said that we are not only to love others but to love them as Jesus loves us. Jesus also said that we should be identified as His followers by our action of showing love for others.

We said that we should be "known by" our love. Being "known by" our love is both the identifying characteristic of our faith and also the method by which the Gospel is spread throughout the world.

We discussed how people get to be "known by" something and decided that they do it often and do it where others can see it. Therefore, to be "known by" our love for others, we should show our love daily in a way that others can see it. We should never have to tell anyone that we are a Christian because they should already know by our actions showing love for others.

We then decided that if we are to be showing our love then we should probably understand exactly what this love that Jesus was talking about actually is.

For an answer, we looked to Paul's letter in **1 Corinthians 13:4-7** where he outlines a list of attributes for a Christ-centered love.

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

We then took a closer look at each attribute individually and replaced "love/it" with "I" to help us see what a real Godly love can actually look like in our life. We discussed what each attribute means and how we can practically practice each of them in our daily lives.

We talked about which attributes were easier and which were more difficult for each of us to practice.

We ended the lesson with a **challenge** to each identify the most difficult attribute for us personally and come up with practical ways we can better practice this attribute in our every day lives. We said that if we can achieve the most difficult then the rest can only be easier.

We noted that as with most everything that Jesus teaches us, it can be difficult if not impossible for us to do it all on our own which is why God sent us the Holy Spirit to help guide us and give us strength to live the Christian lives that Jesus called for us to live so that we can be known as Christ followers and lead others to God's saving grace through Jesus.

Join us next time as we conclude our series with a summary of all four weeks of what Jesus had to say about loving others.

Upcoming Events



July 18:

Our monthly community service at Tempe CPS will be on Saturday (July 18th) We meet at LWA at 9:30am and return after lunch.



Please Email us with any questions.

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!

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

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: John 13:31-35, John15:12-13, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller 1 Youth Ministry

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