

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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### **Bible Verse**

#### Proverbs 4:23

23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

#### **Foster Care Gifts**

Don't forget to bring in gifts of personal care items for the hundreds of teens who will be without a home this Christmas.

#### STRESSED?!?

Stress is a normal part of everyone's daily life but too much stress, caused by worry, can distract us from living the amazing life that God intended us to live.

Don't miss our September Sunday

#### Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 8/24/14

Hello Chris

Nick taught us about relationships this past Sunday. We talked a lot about our relationship with God, family, friends, unbelievers and with believers.

We said that our relationships can unconsciously affect the decisions we make. They can help bring us either toward Jesus or toward the world. We studied one great example of a true friendship between David and Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20.

We said that we should treat unbelievers and sinners the same as we treat believers, to love others as Jesus first loved us, as we are all sinners and no sin is any greater than any other. We said that its okay to have relationships with unbelievers as long as we "draw a line" or "create a boundary" between Jesus and the world and be careful to never cross that line. If you have friends who choose to sin, you can just choose to not participate in that activity but still be a friend otherwise. You could even maybe use the opportunity to be a light to help guide them to the Jesus side of the line.



Good relationships should have similar beliefs and should encourage us to grow and be closer to God. Bad relationships do not believe the same and tend to draw us away from God.

When dating, it's a good idea to be friends first to make sure you have similar beliefs and are going in the same direction BEFORE emotions cloud your judgement. If you go with your emotions first, with the wrong person, you can easily be drawn to the world side and make bad decisions in order to please the other person.

We also said that "beauty" or other physical attractions are "fleeting" which means not only will they fade away with time, you will also become accustom to it to the point that it is something "normal" and no longer a big deal. In either case, without the basis of friendship, you are then left with nothing or even worse, you may be left with somebody you don't even like being with.

We said the number one most important thing to always remember in any relationship is **Proverbs 4:23** which says,

teaching series,
"Jesus and
Stress", to find out
what Jesus had to
say about worry &
anxiety and how you
can live a more
stress free life.
Starting Sunday,
September 7th at
9:15 & 11:00.



#### Don't forget:

Our Youth Life Skills class is every Wednesday night at 7pm for all Youth grades 7-12.

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Julie will be back this Sunday to finish up her series on boundaries.

# **Upcoming Events**

# THIS SATURDAY!

Don't forget to bring in your (parent) signed waivers for our boxing event!

**Aug 30th - 1 Youth Boxing Class** - Don't miss this fun physical fitness youth event for everyone grades 7-12. We will meet at LWA at 1:30pm and return by 4:30pm. Wear comfortable work-out clothes and sneakers. There is **no cost** for this event and we will be hitting bags **NOT** people.

**Everyone** must have a signed waiver form (signed by parent if under 18) to participate. You can **download the waiver form** or pick one up in the Youth Room.

**Winter Jam dates have been announced!!!** We will be going on November 7th to the Glendale, Jobbing.com arena to see 10 bands for 10 bucks! You don't want to miss this event!

**Check out the promo video here.** 

Bible verses referenced in this week's lesson:

2 Corinthians 6:14-16, Matthew 5:16, 2 Timothy 2:24-26, 1 Samuel 20, Proverbs 27:17, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Proverbs, 31, Proverbs 4:23

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed week,

Chris & Michelle Miller 1 Youth Ministry

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