

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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### **Bible Verse**

### 1 Timothy 4:12

12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

#### **Life Skills Class**

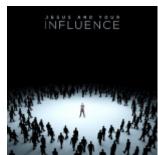
Our Wednesday night Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are back!

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

7:00pm every Wednesday night

#### Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 8/30/15

Hello Chris



This week, we started a new series on what Jesus had to say about our influence. We said that "influence" means doing something that causes somebody or something to change without directly changing them yourself.

We started by talking about various inventions that have influenced the way that we live today and about the people behind those inventions. We said that many inventions are simply taking something that exists and making it greater. We also said that the full impact or influence one can have many, many years later is often not realized at the time.

We studied **Matthew 4:18-22** where Jesus tells four young fishermen to drop what they're doing and follow Him to become "fisher's of people". We said that they were only simple fishermen and their plans probably didn't include much more than ever doing anything more than fishing but God had other plans for them.

We said that prior to that day, their influence didn't extend much past the people in their own community where they fished and they could not possibly know the impact and influence they would later have on the entire world by choosing to follow Jesus that day.

We said that Jesus probably chose the phrase "fish for people" to better identify with something they already knew and were comfortable doing. They knew about fishing so even though they likely didn't know exactly what Jesus was talking about, they knew how to fish and it seemed like it would be something special. So, Jesus took something they already knew and made it greater.

only at LWA!

We had some discussion about whether we would have dropped everything to follow Jesus if we were in the Disciple's position. We were then reminded that Jesus does come into our lives today and asks us the very same thing.

We said it's not easy to leave what we know and trade it for something that may not make total sense to us at the time. It comes down to really believing that Jesus will take what we know and make it greater.

We discussed the influence we have right now and made lists of all the places where we may be able to currently influence others. We pointed out that the four young men Jesus chose that day were not much older than their late teens and they also had a very limited influence before joining Jesus.

We looked over our lists and marked one or two places where we choose to start having an influence for Jesus and letting Jesus influence others through us, through our positive, Christian, actions toward others. Places where we choose to allow Jesus to make our influence greater than we could ever imagine and to make us "fisher's of people" to bring others to the saving grace of God.

Join us next time as we continue our series on what Jesus had to say about influence.

# **Upcoming Events**



Winter Jam 2015 Promo

## Winter Jam!!!

**Get your tickets now** for Winter Jam 2015 coming on Friday, November 6th. Ten great Christian bands all on one stage. This year we are going VIP. Ticket price

is \$30 pre-paid only.

A <u>limited number</u> of group VIP tickets have been purchased and are now available from Chris or Michelle in the youth room for \$30 each (cash or check).

Concert is Friday, November 6th. We will be leaving LWA by 3:30pm as a group.

Our VIP tickets get us early admission for the best seats as well as a Q&A session with the artists & more!

Follow **THIS LINK** for a list of artists performing.

# **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 <u>Facebook Page</u> For more information!

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Matthew 4:18-22

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller 1 Youth Ministry

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