

1 Youth Ministry

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Bible Verse

Romans 8:32

32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Life Skills Class

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

Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

Community Service

The LWA Youth, along with several adult volunteers provide an ongoing monthly community service project with the Department of Child

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 5/7/17

Greetings!



Last week we talked about where we find our value. We said that when our value depends on other people or circumstances then our value can change whenever those people or circumstances change.

For example: If we base our value on our performance then we feel valued when we're winning or doing well but then as soon as we fail, or lose, or make a mistake, it devalues us and we may feel worthless.

The same is true if we base our value on our possessions. We feel we are valued when we have lots of stuff but if we suddenly lose it, we become devalued and feel worthless.

If we base our value on how people treat us (or our popularity) then when people are treating us well we feel highly valued. But, when people hurt us or disappoint us we lose value and feel worthless.

We said that all of those ways to feel valued do nothing but put us on an out of control roller coaster ride of feeling valued to feeling worthless and back again.

We said that there are two important differences if we base our value solely on being a Child of God.

1. God values us more than anything. He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. There is no higher value than us.
2. God never, ever, changes. He is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Therefore, no matter what we do or don't do, whatever we have or don't have, whatever people say about us or how people treat us, none of it ever changes our value to God.

We said that Satan is jealous of how much God values us and he works tirelessly to try to devalue us. He knows he cannot

Services (DCS).

On the 3rd Saturday of each month we meet at 10:00am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.

change how God feels about us but he can influence how we believe God feels about us.

Satan gets us to listen to what people say about us, he gets us to constantly compare ourselves to others and base our value on our performance, possessions, or our popularity.

We looked at how Satan tried to get Jesus to base His value on performance, possessions, and popularity but Jesus knew without any doubt who He was and whose He was.

We also looked at David, in **1 Samuel 16:10-11** and how even his own family did not see his value but God did.

We saw that some items, such as paintings, have more value simply by knowing who created them just as we have value in knowing that God created us **Psalm 139:13**.

We also saw that some items, such as Tom Brady's jersey, have more value because of who it belongs to just as we have value knowing that we belong to God **Psalm 100:3**.

We finished up by handing out reminder cards of just a few Bible verses that let us know our value in God's eyes. We said to read the cards aloud every morning when we wake up so that no matter what we do or what happens or how people treat us we'll know that the God who created Earth and all of the Universe also created us and He values us above all else and nobody, not even Satan, can ever take that away.

We also said that if we know anyone who is feeling worthless, pray to the Holy Spirit for how to help them know how much God values them, always, no matter what.

We found that suicide is now the 2nd leading cause of teen death and the #1 reason given by those teens who attempted suicide was feelings of hopelessness and worthlessness. Teens especially need to know how much they are valued.

[Download a sheet of the cards handed out here](#)

Upcoming Events!

Summer Camp is almost here!

There's still time to sign-up for summer camp at <http://livingwordonline.com/event/summer-camp/> High School is June 5-8 and Jr. High is June 12-15. Each camp is \$199.

Camp is a time to have a truly divine experience with God that you will remember for many years to come. Veteran camp leaders will be personally discipling the kids in small groups, creating an atmosphere of

discovery and fun, delivering in-depth teachings and providing an amazing praise and worship experience. Of course, all of the camp fun is included as well.

Michelle is on the radio!

Listen for Michelle's new Uplifting & Encouraging Christian Talk Show live every Tuesday night from 7:00-8:00pm only at www.centralcityradio.com/king-fm

or listen to previous shows anytime at www.centralcityradio.com/walking-in-grace

For those on Facebook, look for her page: walking in grace for inspirational messages through the week.

Personal Care Items Drive:

1 Youth is now continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bins.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Romans 5:8, Hebrews 13:8, Matthew 4:3, Matthew 4:8-10, Matthew 4:5-6, 1 Samuel 16:10-11, Psalm 139:13, Psalm 100:3

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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