

# 1 Youth Ministry

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## Bible Verse

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Do not be deceived:  
God cannot be  
mocked. A man reaps  
what he sows.  
8 Whoever sows to  
please their flesh,  
from the flesh will  
reap destruction;  
whoever sows to  
please the Spirit, from  
the Spirit will reap  
eternal life.

## 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 1/17/16



Greetings!

This week, we talked about "I didn't see that coming" moments and what makes a good "I didn't see that coming" moment. We said basically, when something happens that we don't expect to happen or is out of the ordinary, it becomes a "I didn't see that coming" moment.

Our lesson was about an "I didn't see that coming" moment for Samuel and the Israelites in God's choice for a king to replace Saul.

We started in 1 Samuel 16 and saw that God had chosen a new king to replace Saul and told Samuel to go and anoint one of Jesse's sons.

When he got to Jesse's, Samuel first thought that God must have chosen Eliab because he "looked" like a king. But, God told Samuel to not consider his appearance. God told him that He does not look at the things people look at, He looks at the heart.

We said that people tend to judge people by their outward appearance or their actions while God judges us by what's in our heart, our soul, our spirit or our true character. Since only He can see what's inside us that makes Him the only true judge.

God told Samuel to anoint David and he did. David was a completely unexpected choice for many reasons such as maybe being too young, no experience, etc. his own family did not even think him to be important enough to have him come meet Samuel at first but God saw what was in David's heart.

We said that the first time Samuel relied on his own senses and incorrectly chose Eliab but the second time he listened to God instead and anointed David.

This shows why it is always a better idea to ask God rather than depending on our own senses when faced with difficult decisions.

We had a short discussion about how all through the Bible God seems to always take just ordinary people, "nobody's", like Gideon, Moses, Joseph, etc. and makes them great. We pointed out, from this story about David being anointed, that these people were only ordinary or "nobody's" in the eyes of people who look at outward appearances. To God, who sees what's inside their heart, they were always great and just needed to be shown how great they really were to live how they were meant to live.

We noted that while God had anointed David, Saul was still the king of the Israelites until his death. God used this time to not only prepare David to actually be a king but to also prepare the people to accept him as their king. We said that the people would have likely not accepted David as their king until God was able to show them David's true character, what God saw in his heart.

We said that there was another king in the Bible who also seemed like a "I didn't see that coming" king and His name is Jesus Christ, The Messiah.

We said that Jesus was unexpected because the Jews were expecting the Messiah to be a strong military leader who would beat the Romans and reclaim Israel as their King. Jesus instead came as a humble servant of the people who allowed the Romans to crucify Him on the cross.

Jesus was not only unexpected as the Messiah, He was also unexpected in how He rescued us. Jesus did not come to just rescue the Jews from their present circumstances (the Romans) He came to save EVERYONE from a much more important enemy, Satan. Jesus gave His life on the cross as payment for our sins, to restore our authority on Earth that Adam had given away, so that we could have a renewed relationship with God as He created it to be for the ultimate "I didn't see that one coming" moment.

We finished with a discussion about how we may all seem to be unlikely to be used by God but were reminded that God sees what's on the inside and at any moment, God can and will use each one of us to fulfill His purpose for us on Earth.

We said to be aware of how and where God places us in the lives of others and pay attention to the voice of the Holy Spirit guiding us and He will use us for His glory and it will be

amazing.

We closed with some simple real-life examples of how God has used some of us like helping somebody who is homeless or feeding a family who has fallen on hard times. It doesn't have to seem as big as making us an unexpected king like David but each single thing that we do for the glory of God is just as big and just as important.

Join us next time as we continue our series on seeing the Thread of the Gospel throughout the bible as we see what happens when David makes some very poor decisions.

**Bible verses referenced in this lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-7, 1 Samuel 16:10-13, 2 Samuel 5:1-5, Philippians 2:5-11**

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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