

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Bible Verse

Matthew 6:1-4

6 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Community Service

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 10/27/15

Greetings!



This week we discussed thanking God for all He has done. We started by talking about Thanksgiving and what we were thankful for. We agreed that while we should thank God for "all good things", we get busy or take things for granted and we often neglect to praise and thank God for His blessings for us every day.

We looked at a story in **Luke 17:11-19** about 10 lepers who were healed by Jesus.

The first thing we noticed is that the 10 men called out to Jesus "in a loud voice". Jesus answered by telling them to go show themselves to the priests which would imply that He had healed them. But, we noticed that they were not immediately healed, they were healed "as they went".

This tells us, as Jesus says in verse 19, that they were healed "by their faith". We saw that even though their condition had not changed, they still went to the priests by faith, just as Jesus told them to, and they were healed. We said that it's easy to be thankful and praise God when things are going well but it takes real faith to be thankful and praise God when things seem to not be going as well as we expect them to.

Another thing we noted was Jesus' disappointment that only one of the 10 men, upon seeing that he was healed, stopped on his way and returned to Jesus to thank Him and to praise God.

We said that we are sometimes just like the 9 lepers who were also healed but did not return when we know of all of the blessings we receive and the goodness God gives us but we don't take time out from our busy lives to thank Him and to praise Him.

We also noticed that the one healed leper that returned praised and thanked God "in a loud voice", the same "loud voice" that the lepers originally used to call out to Jesus to have mercy on them.

Normally, when we use a "loud voice" it means that we REALLY, really, mean what we are saying. We said this shows that we should be just as intentional and deliberate with our thankfulness as we are when we pray.

We discussed different ways we can express our thankfulness to God and how we can praise Him and share His love "in a loud voice".

We said that while the people in Jesus' time were limited to 'word of mouth' or 'written word', we have the technology, literally at our fingertips, today that lets us immediately communicate with anyone, anywhere in the world, at any time.

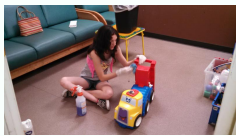
We then discussed different ways we could use this available technology and social media as a tool to praise God "in a loud voice" and share His love with literally every person in the world.

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

On the 3rd Saturday of each month we meet at 10:00 am 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.



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.

We truly do have the power to make a difference in our world literally at our fingertips. It's up to us to be that one leper and take a moment to praise God "in a loud voice" and thank Him daily for all He has done. We can choose to have an Attitude of Gratitude.

Upcoming Events!

Watch for more exciting youth events!

Personal Care Items Drive:

1 Youth is again collecting "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care. 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: James 1:17, Luke 10:41-42, Luke 17:11-19, Colossians 3:15-17

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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