

## Grades 7-12

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## Galatians 6:9

9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

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!



# The Thread

Discovering The Thread of the Gospel Through The Big-Picture Story of the Bible

**Grades 7-12 - Sundays @ 9:15 & 11:00**

Greetings!

This week, we started by talking about some of our own life-changing experiences before beginning our discussion about how, in the early chapters of Exodus, God dramatically called Moses to a completely new direction in life through a pretty amazing life-changing experience for Moses.

We reviewed our discussion about Joseph from last week and said that Joseph and his brothers (sons of Jacob/Israel) were the first generation of Israelites who began to populate Egypt.

Many, many years later, the Israelites had grown from just one family living in Egypt to a great nation of families within Egypt which led the new king to be concerned about his country's security.

To deal with them, the king put slave masters over the Israelites making them slaves. We recalled in God's promise to Abraham that his descendants would be slaves in a foreign country for 400 years before being freed and led to the promised land.

We learned that God saw His people's suffering and was concerned about their struggle. We talked about how there may be times in our own lives that we find ourselves in situations similar to the Israelite's where we cry out to God for help but it seems that God doesn't hear us or even care about us.

We said can look at stories such as these to find comfort and see that God does indeed see our struggles and not only is He concerned, He always rescues us from the darkness of our suffering, in His time, by His power and in His way.

We also talked about Moses' response when God told him that He chose him to free the Israelites from Egypt. We said that Moses' excuses as to why he just couldn't do what God wanted is no different than the excuses that we often make, as Christians, when God calls on us to follow Him and do His work here on Earth. We agreed that just like Moses, our biggest excuse is fear.

Just as God told Moses, despite Moses' excuses, He is always with us to help us accomplish whatever task He gives us. We never, ever have to (and actually can't) do it on our own.

We then looked in **John 8** where Jesus is explaining to the Pharisees who He is and as God, the Son, how He was even before Abraham was born. We were reminded of where we saw Jesus, over the past few weeks, present in each story in each part of the Bible even in Creation itself in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

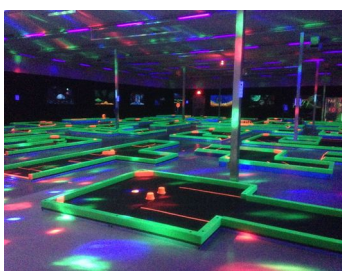
We agreed that there are really no words to describe how incredible it was that the one and only, almighty God, creator of the universe, knower of all things and doer of all good wants only for each one of us to love Him as He loves us and He wants to have a close personal relationship with each one of us, as it was in the beginning, and He was even willing to die for our sins in order to have that relationship with each and every one of us.

We said that all we needed to do to start that amazing close personal relationship, right now, today, is to say the prayer below and truly believe what we say in our heart.

**Salvation Prayer:** Dear Father God, I ask that you forgive me of all my sins and I ask you dear Jesus, come into my life, come into my heart, be my Lord and my Savior, in Jesus' name, Amen.

According to **Romans 10:9**, if you said that prayer with your mouth and believed what you said in your heart, you will be saved and you are well on your way to experiencing the ultimate life-changing experience of having that personal relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Join us next time as we see what happens next when Moses obeys God's call to free the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt.



## **"Glow" Mini Golf**

Join us **THIS Saturday** for a fun night of indoor "glow" mini golf!

Meet at LWA at 6:30pm, golf from 7-9pm then return to

LWA for pick-up at 9:30pm.

**Cost is \$10**

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## **New Year's Eve Youth Lock-in!**

That's right, bring in the new year with your friends in our first overnight new years eve lock-in.

Watch for details coming soon!

**Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Exodus 1:1-14, Exodus 2:23-25, Exodus 3:1-15, John 8:48-59**

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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