

# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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## Bible Verse

Isaiah 41:10

10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

## 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 12/27/15



Greetings!

This week, we jumped back into our year-long series seeing the thread Gospel throughout the Bible. We picked up with the Israelites starting to get settled in the Promised Land.

We learned how communication helps our memory and found out how a lack of communication lead to disastrous consequences for the Israelites in their new land.

We started in **Judges 2** where we saw things seemed to be going quite well for the Israelites, serving and obeying God and living in His blessing (as long as the elders lived who had seen all the great things God had done for Israel).

But, we then found a big change in **Judges 2:10** where due to an unfortunate lack of communication, a "generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what He had done for Israel".

Without knowing God, this new generation was heavily influenced by the world around them and they sinned against God and worshiped many false gods which lead them into "great distress" being given into the hands of their enemies.

We mentioned that without knowing Grace, it may have seemed that God was punishing them for their disobedience but we pointed out that without God's blessings (which God promised IF they obeyed Him), the Israelites were now subject to the consequences of the sinful world in which they lived. They chose to leave the umbrella of God's protection by not obeying Him.

We agreed that we would have probably just given up on the

Israelites and let them suffer for their poor choices but in God's own Grace and Mercy, He always gives us a way out.

In **Judges 2:16**, God provided Judges or leaders to save them and bring them back to God. We saw that the Israelites continued to go back to their old sinful ways each time a Judge died and they forgot about God again but each time God, in His Grace, provided a new Judge and a new "way out" to bring His people back to Him.

We said that our world today is very similar to the world we just read about in Judges. We all know people who do not know the Lord and what it means to follow Him. These people are lost in the consequences of the sinful world they live in because they do not know the Lord.

We looked in **Romans 10:14-15** to see what communication means to our calling as Christians and found that while living a Christ-like life ourselves is an excellent way to share the Gospel with others, people must HEAR the "good news" in order to learn and really remember all the great things God has for us.

Our responsibility as Christians is to share (or communicate) the good news of the Gospel both by our actions and our words. This does not mean that we walk around "preaching sermons" to everyone (which some mentioned would get them beat up). It means we should consult with the Holy Spirit to show us how and when and where God can use us to share His 'Good News'.

We said that God sometimes places us in people's lives at times when they really need to hear how much God loves them and about all the goodness He has in store for them and the Holy Spirit will guide us in these situations for God's glory.

We agreed that the number one thing that typically keeps us from sharing the Gospel with those around us is FEAR. But, when we truly live out our identity in Jesus Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to do the communicating through us instead of us depending on our own abilities we lose our fear in knowing that with God, nothing is impossible.

We closed with some examples of how we can be more aware of where God is placing us and how we can look for practical ways in our own lives to communicate the love of God to others.

Join us next time as we continue our series on seeing the Thread of the Gospel throughout the bible as we talk about Ruth and Redemption.

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



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

Fun, friends &

Fellowship!

Starting at 9pm New Year's Eve and ending at 8am New Year's Day!

**Parents:** Please let us know if you would like to help chaperon this fun event by calling 602-684-1820.

**Bible verses referenced in this lesson:** Judges 2:6-8, Judges 2:10, Judges 2:11-19, Romans 10:14-15

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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