

## Grades 7-12

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## 1 Thessalonians 5:20-22

20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.

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 **10:00am** at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.

We typically spend

Greetings!

This week we mentioned the phrase "seeing is believing" and how very often our sense of sight can be deceiving, such as with "optical illusions". But, Jesus knew that His Disciples needed the assurance by seeing, with their own eyes, His resurrection if they were to fully embrace their mission on Earth after His ascension.

We discussed that without their full belief in Christ's resurrection, the Disciples would have never built the Church and spread Jesus' words to others. After Jesus' death the Disciples were terrified that they too would be killed for following Jesus and none of them actually expected the resurrection that Jesus had promised them.

Jesus not only appeared to His Disciples to prove His resurrection, He spent the next 40 days with them teaching them what would be their most important lesson.

Jesus told His Disciples that they are blessed because they saw and believe yet those who have not seen and still believe (us) are just as blessed.

He told them that He was sending them as His Father had sent Him. God did not send Jesus as a man to save the world on His own because only the power of God can bring salvation. Jesus did not start His Earthly ministry until after He was baptized and received The Holy Spirit.

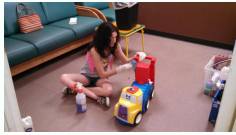
In the same way, Jesus did not ask His Disciples, and us, to spread the Gospel and make Disciples of all nations on our own. It is The Holy Spirit working through us that brings salvation to the world.

We saw in the Disciples' last words to Jesus that they were still concerned about the immediate, physical salvation or freedom from Rome for their people. Jesus basically tells them to not worry about what God has planned in His own time because they have much more important work to do.

Jesus taught them a different understanding of God's promise.

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.

The promise of eternal spiritual salvation for all people.

He tells His Disciples to wait and stay where they are until they receive The Holy Spirit that God has promised. With the power of God in them, they are to spread the Gospel making Disciples of all nations and teaching everything that Jesus taught them.

Making Disciples who in turn make Disciples who make more Disciples. This is what we are called to do so that none shall perish and all will be saved.

We discussed exactly how to make Disciples and said that Jesus did not ask His Disciples to do anything that He did not model for them by doing it Himself.

To make Disciples of all nations we only need to live as Jesus lived with a Christ-like character. Showing God's love, grace and mercy by our actions and remember that we are not doing it on our own.

We are doing it with the power of God. The same power that created the universe and resurrected Jesus to defeat death is in each one of us in The Holy Spirit. We only need to allow God to use us.

We finished with a challenge to ask The Holy Spirit to show us how we can share what we know about Jesus with somebody who needs to hear it and then be ready for God to place that somebody in our life to use us to bring others to Him.

Join us next time as we continue our Thread Series when we talk about the Disciples receiving The Holy Spirit.

## Upcoming Events!

### Friday, July 29th: Over-nite Lock-in!

That's right! Our next 1 youth Over-nite Lock-in is scheduled for Friday July 29th starting at 10pm and going until Saturday morning at 8am.

Join us for fun, food and fellowship!

Invite your friends!

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[Everyone must read and sign these rules to attend!](#)

**Matthew 28:18-20**

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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