1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Bible Verse

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Bible Study

Come check it our midweek youth/adult Bible study every Wednesday night at LWA starting at 7:00pm.

Community Service

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

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 4/8/18

Greetings!



The past few weeks we talked about "Who is Jesus?", the crucifixion, the resurrection, and this past week, we asked, "What Now?". Is the resurrection the end of the story?

We talked about the Disciples and what happened after Jesus' Resurrection. The Disciples had been following Jesus and listening to Him teach for the past 3 years, including giving them a play by play description of what was to happen yet when they saw Jesus crucified, they were devastated and believed it was all over. Jesus was dead and that was it. Not only that, they were terrified that the same thing would happen to them.

We looked at **John 14:12** where Jesus told them that whoever believes will do works even greater than He had done. We talked about all the things that Jesus had done and asked who is able to do all those things and more? Jesus said, in **John 14:12**, **"whoever believes in me"**. We can all perform miracles, heal the sick, drive out demons, and even more, if we truly believe in Jesus with no doubt.

The problem for the Disciples was, they didn't truly believe without a doubt who Jesus was. If they did, they would have expected everything to happen exactly the way Jesus told them it would, including His resurrection. But, nobody expected Jesus to come back after His death.

Anyone and everyone who believes who Jesus is can do all that He did, **if they truly believe**. Everything centers on our faith and our belief of Jesus. After Jesus died on the cross, the Disciples no longer believed who He was. Jesus needed His Disciples to believe without a doubt so that they could do what He needed them to do next. We said that without the resurrection there would be no belief and therefore there would be no

meet at 10:00am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South		Christianity.
Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.		That's why the Romans and so many others over the past 2000 years, spent so much time and trouble searching for His body or some other proof to disprove the resurrection and put an end to Christianity.
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.		Okay, so Jesus was resurrected, they now believed, and then He spent the next 40 days teaching them what to do next. We looked in Matthew 28:18-20 to see that God's plan for us is to go out and "make Disciples of all nations" and to teach them to obey everything Jesus commanded. We do that by doing all the things that Jesus did and following what He taught. We do our best to live as Jesus did.
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.		Jesus called us all to believe in Him and to basically be evangelists, spreading the good news of the Gospel to the entire world. We looked at John 14:15-17 to see that we don't have to do it alone. We are given the Holy Spirit within us to guide us and help us accomplish God's mission for us.
Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items 1 Youth is continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. 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.		We finished up by looking through the Book of Acts to see just some of the things that the Disciples did once they truly believed and were filled with the Holy Spirit. They healed the sick and even cast out demons. Jesus' message of love and salvation went from just a handful of followers to hundreds, then thousands, and now literally billions of people worldwide who believe in Jesus. But, that's not enough. Our calling, as Christians, is to continue sharing God's love and continue spreading the message of the Gospel so that ALL may come to God's saving grace and none shall perish. As Christians, the resurrection is definitely NOT the end of the story. Our old sinful lives end with the crucifixion of Jesus but our new amazing lives that God has planned for us are just beginning with His resurrection.
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		Watch for our next event here!
and drop them in the bins. Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.		I in this lesson: John 14:12, Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:15-
17, Acts 3:6-8, Acts 5:16		

Let us know if you have any questions.

