

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Attention!

Attention all High School & College Age Students!

Trinity Zubeck is putting together a 'small group' for High School and College Age students. Contact Trinity for more information at trinityzubeck@gmail.com

Community Service

The LWA Youth, along with 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 3925 East Broadway, Phoenix, AZ.

We typically spend about an hour or so cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update

Greetings!

Keep up with what's going on in our Church Family by visiting [LW Ahwatukee Website](#) as well as our [LWA Facebook Page](#).

Sunday Youth Services will continue to be combined with the main service and DCS community service will be paused as well. A [Live Stream](#) will be available for Sunday services.

We will continue to keep you updated as things change.

As always, continue to **be the light that shines in the darkness**. Stay safe, be blessed, we'll see you all soon.

We love & pray for you all,
Chris & Michelle

Sunday Youth Lesson Summary

While we are paused, we will periodically provide summaries of previous live Youth lessons. Summaries of previous lessons can also be found on [our website](#).

Check out our Youth Lesson summary from Easter 2017

Expect the Unexpected (4-16-17)

This week we celebrated Resurrection Sunday by going back 2000 years ago to see that without Jesus' Resurrection, the Christian Church may well have never been. We said that nobody expected Jesus to actually be Resurrected, not even the Disciples.

To get a better idea what happened 2000 years ago, we put ourselves alongside the Disciples and imagined that we were there. For the past few years, we have spent literally all of our time

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.

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 bin 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 bin.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

Bible verse of the month

Proverbs 12:25

25 Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.

with Jesus, following Him, hearing Him teach and experiencing first hand many unexpected moments and miracles.

We then took a look at a few of the miracles and imagined we were there. We started in **Mark 4:35-40** where Jesus taught that if they had true faith in the outcome, they could be at peace no matter what happened along the way instead of being in fear. Jesus even slept during the storm in total peace with the faith they would reach their destination while the Disciples expected they were going to all die.

We compared this with our teaching about Daniel when we saw that Daniel's faith in eternity with God was so powerful that it allowed him to be at peace even while in the lions den.

We then looked at when Jesus "Feeds the Five Thousand" in **John 6:5-13** where Jesus taught to have faith and believe without any doubt that God will provide by simply giving thanks for the food as if it was already done and it was done.

The Disciples' dependence on their own senses and worldly expectations concluded that there was no way they could possibly feed so many. Jesus' faith that God would provide left no room for doubt.

Finally, we looked at **John 11:1-44** where Jesus teaches that nothing is impossible with God and all you have to do is have faith and truly believe without putting worldly limits and expectations on the power of God and you will see God's glory as Lazarus was brought back from the dead.

Through miracle after miracle, Jesus was preparing the Disciples for His last days. He even tells them step by step exactly what will happen when they arrive in Jerusalem (**Matthew 20:17-19**) including that on the third day he will be raised to life, yet when the time comes they were still unprepared. They still did not expect what happened.

When Jesus died on the cross and was placed in the tomb, the Disciples all expected that it was all over and Jesus was gone. Nobody expected the Resurrection and they were so busy being afraid about what would happen to them as Jesus' followers that they certainly were no longer thinking of spreading Jesus' message.

On the first day of the week when they found the tomb empty, since they expected Jesus to be dead, their natural assumption was that somebody had stolen His body (**John 20**). Based on their worldly expectations, this is what made the most sense.

Even when Mary sees Jesus alive and actually talks with Him she doesn't even realize that it is Jesus because her expectation is that He is dead so it could not possibly be Jesus. He must be the gardener (Based on their worldly expectations, that's what would make the most sense)

We put ourselves in Mary's place after witnessing Jesus' horrific beating and death on the cross then being placed in a tomb. What would we think when the tomb was found empty?

We said that this is important because it shows us that our expectations can actually blind us from the truth even when it is standing right in front of us. When we don't expect the miracles and the goodness of God in our lives, we will not see them even though they are all around us and sometimes even right in front of us.

Of course, Jesus is able to finally convince them all that He was indeed raised from the dead just as He said He would be. Even Thomas finally believed but only after actually seeing, and touching, Jesus' wounds. Jesus tells them to now, "Stop doubting and believe" [**John 20:27**]

Jesus blessed all of us who have NOT seen yet still believe by our faith. We said that through the power of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, we can all have the very same faith as Jesus had, live in the same peace and have the same authority as Jesus did while on Earth and we can always **Expect the Unexpected with God.**

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed day,

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