

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Bible Verse

2 Corinthians 1:20

20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Bible Study

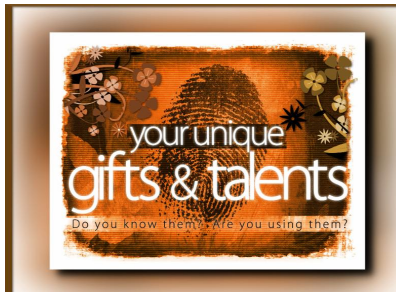
Come check it our midweek youth/adult Bible study every Wednesday night at LWA starting at 7:00pm.

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 meet at 10:00am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 11/11/18



Last week we asked "What are you doing with what God has given you?"

We started in **John 10:10** where Jesus tells us that He came that we may have an **abundant life**.

We talked about what that means and said that we clearly were not created to just sit and stare at the wall (**or our phones**) our whole lives just waiting around for eternity to happen. Our life is created to be an amazing adventure designed and planned by God for His Joy and for our Joy as well.

First, we made sure to make very clear that this is not about our Salvation. Our Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus and what He did for us. It is given to each of us and all we have to do is accept it by believing and receiving Jesus into our life and into our heart. There's nothing else we need to do and there's nothing we can ever do to have it taken away.

With that made clear, we looked at **Matthew 25:14-30** to get an idea of exactly what we're supposed to be doing while we're here as Jesus teaches in the **Parable of the Talents**.

We saw that the **"Master"** was leaving and he entrusted his wealth to several of his servants. He gave each of them a different number of bags of gold or "Talents" according to their ability. We said that the Master knew each of the servants had different abilities and therefore received different Talents entrusted to them.

We saw that two of the servants put the money to work and were able to double the value given to them but the third servant was afraid and hid the gold entrusted to him in the ground.

Upon the Masters return, he saw what the two servants had done with what they were given and said, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Come and

Alma School Road
(on the SE corner of
Alma School and
Southern Ave.

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.

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
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.

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
bins.

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

share your master's happiness!"

When the Master saw what the 3rd servant had done with what he was given the Master called him a "wicked, lazy servant!" and took what he had saying, "whoever has will be given more and whoever does not have will have it taken from them." He then said to throw the worthless servant outside into the darkness.

We said that the underlying theme in this parable was **FAITH**. Jesus was saying that whoever has faith, like the 1st two servants, will be given even more but those who do not have faith, like the third servant, will have nothing.

We also see, in this parable, that when we have the faith to use what God has given each of us, our Talents, we bring God happiness which He then shares with us.

So, we asked what it is that we're supposed to do with our Talents. The answer was found in **Matthew 5 and 28**. Jesus said we are the light of the world and we are to shine our light so that others may see our good deeds and glorify God.

Jesus also told us that we are to make disciples of all nations teaching them to obey everything He commanded. We also saw in **John 14:12** that we will do works even greater than the works Jesus did. We talked about the book of Acts where we can see the Disciples doing exactly that, teaching the word of God, healing the sick, driving out demons, etc. just as Jesus said they would be able to.

So, to summarize, we are each given unique talents by God, according to our ability, to be used to help build the Kingdom of God by doing good works in faith.

When we stand in front of the throne of God, as believers in Christ, we will not be judged like the unbelievers, for our sin, as Jesus already paid the price for our salvation. Our place in Heaven is reserved. But, God will want to know how we used the talents that He gave us.

When we tell Him, will He say "Well done, good and faithful servant!...Come and share your master's happiness" or will you be more like the 3rd servant who had no faith and was therefore too afraid to use what was given him?

We said that your talents may be many different things and you may not even know what your talent is. We talked about many people in the Bible who were in just this situation and we saw that God gives us our talents according to our ability, even if we don't know what that ability is. God never sets us up to fail and He will always equip us to succeed in whatever He has planned for us.

We then talked about several more current or personal examples of people using their God given talents to share God's love and grace to help build the Kingdom of God and bring others to Him.

We said that if you do not know what your Talents are or how you are supposed to be using them for the Kingdom of God, that's okay. Your talents were given to you by God and He will be very happy to tell you what they are and how to use them. So just pray and ask God to show you your Talents and how you can use what you have been given to bring glory to Him.

Then, be ready with the faith you need to actually use the gifts you are given and follow His plan for you to share in His happiness. The choice is always yours.

Watch for our next event here!

We are planning on putting together some Friday, movie nights in the near future and possibly looking into some different concerts.

Let us know what movies you would be interested in seeing.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: John 10:10, John 3:16, Romans 10:9, Ephesians 2:8, Matthew 25:14-30, Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:12, Acts 3, Acts 5

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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