1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Bible Verse

James 3:16

16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

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 9/23/18



This week we reviewed what Jesus said about staying angry and having a heart full of bitterness. Jesus spent a lot of His time teaching us about anger, bitterness, and most of all, the importance of forgiveness. We talked about what often causes us to be angry or bitter.

We said that it starts with being offended by something somebody says or does. We said that offense opens the door to give Satan a foothold. Satan uses our offense as bait to bring us to sin and draw us away from God. If offense is not identified and taken care of, it then becomes anger and bitterness then hate and sometimes even to physical harm.

Even if it doesn't end up in physical harm, a heart full of bitterness and hate affects our relationships with each other and our relationship with God. When our heart is full of bitterness and hate, it leaves no room for God's blessings. We get so focused on our bitterness that we can't see God's blessings in our life. God is pouring out blessings in our lives but we are too angry and bitter to accept them.

We watched a video clip of John Bevere teaching that offense is the "Bait of Satan" and teaching what it means to really forgive somebody who has offended us. We then had some more discussion afterward.

Part of the discussion involved the fact that the video shows a face to face reconciliation which we said is ideal but not always required. There are times when forgiving somebody who hurt you face to face is not possible or maybe even unsafe. We pointed out that forgiveness is all about you and what is in your heart. The Holy Spirit will always guide you as to how you should forgive in each specific situation.

We said that we WILL be offended, everyone will be offended but it's what you do in that offense that makes all the difference. No matter what the offense is, it is always our choice in how we respond to it. Our natural human 'kneejerk' reaction to offense is to get angry or to offend the one who is causing us to be offended.

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. We said, when we feel we are being offended, before we react without thinking, we should take a moment and listen for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will always, always, always guide us in the way we should go.

We said that forgiveness is sometimes one of the hardest things we ever do but it is also one of the most important. Just like when we understand how much we are loved by God, it makes it easier to love others, when we truly get what we've been forgiven of it makes it a little easier to forgive others.

Not allowing offense to become anger is often a very difficult thing to do but, if we start to make it a habit, it will become easier and we will find that the things that would have normally offended us in the past no longer affect us or make us angry allowing us to live in peace and to share God's love with the world.

The video clip we watched in class is included below.



The Bait Of Satan message by John Bevere

Watch for our next event here!

Well, from what we've been able to find, it looks like **Winter Jam** may unfortunately not be coming out our way this year.

We are planning on putting together some Friday, movie nights in the near future.

