



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Community Service

Temporarily Paused

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 there.

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update

Join us now every Sunday at 9:30
(New Service Time)

Remember: If you need to speak with one of us just text Michelle at **602-684-1665** anytime.



The party will be held at LWA Church from **6-9pm**. No need to bring anything but yourself (and friends if you like).

There will be no dinner but there will be plenty of snacks.

Please reply to this email to confirm that you are attending.

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there!

When is the end of this world?



A few weeks ago, we discussed the End of the World and when it would happen. We said that there were a lot of people who

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 week



are thinking that this pandemic we are currently in is the "End of the world".

We started by mentioning a dozen or so other times when people thought it was the end of the world. Such as other recent pandemics, Mayan calendar in 2012, Y2K, various evangelists, Halley's comet in 1910, the 'great flood' of 1524, and even the Black Plague in the mid 1300's.

We said that for hundreds of centuries, religious leaders, scientists, and sometimes just plain crazy people have been predicting the 'end of the world'. One thing that we immediately noticed is that, regardless of all their predictions, we are all still here.

We talked a bit about humans seemingly being obsessed with the end of the world and **WHEN** it will happen.

We took a look in the Bible to see if we could find what Jesus had to say about the 'end of the world'. We found Jesus discussing the 'end of the world' with His Disciples in **Mark 13:1-37**.

We read about Jesus telling the Disciples all about the things that will happen at that time and we noticed that even the Disciples wanted to know **WHEN** it would happen.

Jesus finally gets around to the **WHEN** toward the end of the chapter and He very clearly tells them "**no one knows**". He repeats it more than once in several different ways that we must "Be alert" because we will not know **WHEN** the time will come.

He even goes into an illustration in **Mark 13:34-37** to further help make His point crystal clear that no one will know so we must always be ready for it to happen at anytime and we should not be deceived by those who do claim to know.

So, we said it should be no surprise to us that all these predictions never came true. Jesus very clearly tells us that Nobody will know.

We then talked about why we, as humans, are so interested in knowing **WHEN** it will happen and asked how it might change our lives if we did know **WHEN** the world would end. We talked about what we would do if we knew and asked if it would be a good thing to know **WHEN** the end of the world would actually happen.

We wondered why Jesus wouldn't have just asked His Father for the answer and then tell us so we would all know and we could stop asking or predicting when it would happen.

We talked about what God really wants us to be focused on between now and then. As Christians, we are commanded by Jesus to "make disciples of all nations" (**Matthew 28**). We should be focused on sharing God's message of Love and Grace and Mercy with the entire world so that ALL can be saved.

We talked about what we would be focused on instead if we knew the time and date and all the fear and stress it would bring us.

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

We were reminded that once we are saved, we are promised a place in Heaven so that whenever the time comes, we will be joyfully welcomed into the Kingdom of God. This brings us peace.

Jesus is telling us to not worry about **WHEN** the world will end, it's really not important. Just be prepared for whenever it does and it will bring peace to your heart instead of fear and worry.

The one thing you can do to be "prepared" is by accepting Jesus as your Lord & Savior. Once you've done that, you'll never have to worry or even care about **WHEN** the world will end because you'll know you are prepared for when it does.

Until then, keep your focus on God and on getting His work done while you're still here.

Upcoming Youth Events

More details to come

March 2021 - Save A Life Conference at LWA
Watch for details!

All 1 Youth Students and their friends in Grades 7-12
are invited to all events.

See you there!

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed day,
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