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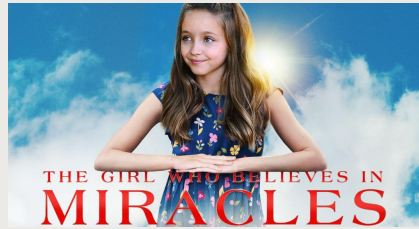
# 1 Youth Ministry

## Grades 7-12

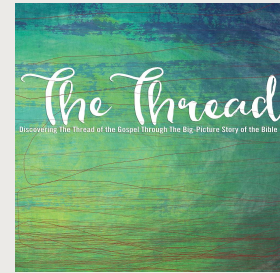
January 21, 2022  
Finding your purpose



Sundays at 9:30  
Finding your purpose



Friday February 4th  
6:30pm



Every Wednesday

[The Chosen  
Official Trailer](#)

[Questions answered  
about The Chosen by  
the director](#)

[View the entire first  
two seasons here](#)

**Starting Feb 13th** we  
will be teaching from  
season 2 of the  
Chosen series on  
Sundays at 9:30!!!  
[Watch the first  
season here to get  
ready for it.](#)

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Midweek Youth

Join us every Wed. from 7-  
8pm for fellowship and prayer  
along with lessons applying  
Biblical principles to your life  
today and get answers to all  
your questions.

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Foster Care Teens  
Personal Care Items

We are still collecting

**The Thread** Discovering The Thread of the Gospel  
Through The Big-Picture Story of the Bible

### Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

Join us every Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for  
an exciting new series about seeing the "Thread" of the  
Gospel through the entire Bible.

Together, we will see that Jesus was God's word made in  
the flesh, as both messenger and the message of God's  
salvation for all and He can be seen throughout the Bible  
from Genesis to Revelation and everywhere in between.

### Sundays at 9:30am



Finding your purpose

This past Sunday, we asked why are we here? Why did  
God create us? What is our purpose? We started by

"Personal Care Items" for 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.

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**This Week's Bible Verse**  
**Romans 12:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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defining "Purpose" as the reason for which something is done, created, or exists. Our purpose is why we exist.

We said that even though God doesn't directly tell us why he created us, we can tell from His character and studying of the Bible that God created us to love us and for us to love Him back and to share His love with others.

Our purpose is to love God and love others as well as worshipping , obeying, and bringing glory to God. We asked how this related to our own personal purpose on Earth. How can we love and bring glory to God by our own personal life choices?

God created every single one of us on purpose and with a purpose. We can love and glorify God by following His plan and living His purpose for us.

We said that's all well and good but how do we know God's plan and His purpose for us? The short answer is: we ask Him. We spoke several weeks ago about speaking to God and hearing God when He speaks to us.

We said one of the ways God speaks to us is through our dreams and visions. God gives us each dreams and visions as well as talents and passions. These are gifts from God to help us find and achieve our purpose.

We said, when choosing a career, we can use these talents and passions to help guide us in the direction God has planned for us to a career that will bring us joy and will bring God glory.

We said there may be times that God may close doors to a particular career choice if it doesn't align with His plan for us or our talents and passions or if maybe we're not prepared for it yet. A closed door may mean the wrong direction or maybe we're not ready yet. Maybe it says that God knows a place or situation where you will be happier but we don't know it yet. When our choices align with our passions and with God's plan, we will find God's joy and be at peace in our heart.

We went over several things we can do to help find our purpose. Pray for God's light and guidance every single day (**Psalm 119:105**). Don't give up (**Joshua 1:9**). Trust God (**Psalm 37:5**).

We learned that when very successful people are asked for their secrets of their success, their answer is always the same. Having clear visions and dreams that are specific. They say that what they can clearly visualize with true joy, they can more easily obtain.

We finished by giving the students a **homework assignment** to take their dreams and visions and create a vision board for their future. Then keep this board where they can see it every day to remind them where they are going. Once you know your purpose, you can stay more focused and not be distracted by people or activities that don't align with that purpose.

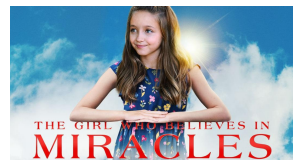
We said to not be discouraged if it seems that God is not giving you a clear vision or maybe you're not currently following your dream. Everything happens in God's time. For now, you can just do your best to stay on God's path and bring Him glory by being a planner for His vision for your tomorrow.

Note: Students who bring in their vision boards to share will receive a surprise.

## Upcoming Events

### First Friday Youth Movie Night

Join us at LWA on February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm  
for 1 Youth Movie Night!



The movie will be the 2021 drama,  
"The Girl Who Believes In Miracles".  
For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families.  
**Rated PG**

When young Sara hears a preacher say faith can move mountains, she starts praying. Suddenly, people in her town are mysteriously healed - but fame soon takes its toll.

[See Trailer Here](#)

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