

Alley Rundown - April 14-15, 2018

Bible Story: Are We There Yet? (A Patience Proverb) * *Proverbs 14:29*

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, keep your cool.

Key Question: What do you do when it's hard to wait?

Memory Verse: "Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD!"
Psalms 27:14, NIV

CONNECT TIME: Chewy Chocolate Chip Chugging Championship of Chicagoland

Supplies Needed: Milk (3 cartons/cups per service) and Cookies (9 per service)

"Ok. Let's get started. Quick question: how many of you get accused of being *fast eaters*? Maybe at the dinner table your mom or dad is always telling you to slow down. Or you scarf down your PB&J before everybody else at your lunch table. If that describes you, then this game is for you! I need three volunteers **who can eat cookies and drink milk!**"

Choose volunteers and bring them to the front of the room.

"Alright, the goal of the game is to finish first, which sounds like normally wouldn't be a problem for you. But let's just say that you might find this one to be a little more challenging than normal . . ."

Each contestant gets 3 Cookies and a Cup of Milk.

"A nice, refreshing, cup of milk! That's right! And to top it off, 3 chewy cookies! The first one to finish it all wins."

"OK, here we go! Ready, set . . . GO!!"

Host comments throughout and encourages them to drink faster but not so fast that they get sick.

(After a winner) "That looked painful! What a challenge for these fast eaters! Thanks for playing. Let's applaud all of our contestants in the Chewy Chocolate Chip Chugging Championship of Chicagoland!"

Begin Rundown...

"If you've been around this month, you know that we've been talking about what the Bible has to say about patience, which I don't know about you guys, but I have a LOT to learn about. Having patience is just hard sometimes!"

(Share a brief story of a time and place you were impatient. For example: the DMV, in a line, etc.)

The Bible says this in Proverbs 14:29: *(Read directly from Proverbs 14:29, NIV)* 'Anyone who is patient has great understanding. But anyone who gets angry quickly shows how foolish they are.'

“Pretty short and sweet, right? But those two sentences pack a lot of truth and show us the difference between someone who is patient in a situation and someone who, well, is not so much.”

“But what does this mean for us in our lives? I mean, this verse was written thousands of years ago. Does it still mean something for us today? Before we find out, it’s time for Offering!

OFFERING:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“Offering Time is important here in the Alley, because it gives you all an opportunity to worship God by giving your money generously. Here at (your campus), we give our offering to help support (your campus child) in Kenya. Our offering goes to show kindness to them by buying clothes, and food, and other materials they may need. If you brought an offering today, you may bring it up when the video plays. If not, that’s ok too. You can bring an offering next week. If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up and place it here once our video plays (*show offering container*). The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him...”

CG: Offering Verse JPEG (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

“Let’s take a look at this week’s episode!”

CG: Week 3 Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:42)

“We will always have to wait for something or someone. And in order to show patience in those moments, we need a plan. You’ll talk more about that in small group, but let’s think about how you wait right now. Think about this question:

CG: Key Question Slide

“What do you do when it’s hard to wait? (*Allow several responses*) But before we head out, let’s take some time to worship.”

CG: Worship Experience Video (Runtime: 5:00)

NOTE: Students will stand and sing “Reckless Love” by Cory Asbury