

Alley Rundown - June 9-10, 2018

Bible Story: He'll Be There For You (Gideon) * *Judges 6–8*

Bottom Line: God can use you no matter what.

Key Question: How could God use you?

Memory Verse: "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." *Psalms 27:13 NIV*

"What's going on Alley? Glad to be with you today. I always look forward to being here and sharing something from God's Word with you. But you wanna know something? When they first asked me to speak in The Alley, I wasn't too sure about it. In fact, I was quite surprised. I thought, 'There's probably someone better than me, right?' I wasn't too sure I could do it. I was afraid I would come out here and freeze . . . and then we would just be awkwardly staring at each other for 15 minutes or so—a complete nightmare."

"Have you ever felt like that? (*allow response/few short stories*) Maybe you were asked to do a solo in a choir or band concert, or you get chosen to take the penalty kick in the big soccer game, or maybe it was a speaking part in a play or being picked as the captain of your team, or the head of a project group and you found yourself thinking, 'There's probably somebody who would be better than me, right?' That's we'll be exploring today. Let's take a look at this week's episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:23)

"Maybe God knew more than Gideon about how He could use him. Kind of like us sometimes, right? That solo in band or choir . . . when we're thinking, 'There are so many better choices than me!' Or our team when we find we've been made captain and we don't even think we're the best player on the team! Or leading that project group at school . . . there are a lot of times we might feel like this."

"But you know what we might be missing in these moments? It was something that Gideon kept forgetting. God is with us. And if God is with us, He can work in and through us in ways we could never expect. Sure, we might not defeat an army with trumpets and torches, but the truth is that God may have some pretty big things He wants to do with us, but we first have to learn to trust Him and realize that it is less about us and more about Him! Let's take a look at our verse for this month..."

CG: Psalm 27:13 NIV Slide

As you head to small groups, think about this: How could God use you?"

CG: Key Question Slide

"Think about your strengths, what you're good at, or what you like to do. How could God use those things in your life to help Him? Before we head out, let's take some time to worship!"

OFFERING TIME:

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 and place it here (*show offering container*). If not, that’s ok too. You can bring an offering next week. The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him...”

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

(Invite students to bring their offerings forward)

CG: Worship Experience (Runtime: 5:00)