

Alley Rundown - October 12-13, 2019

Bible Story: Ready or Now (Moses and the Burning Bush / The 10 Plagues) • Exodus 3-6:12; 7-12:42

Key Question: What have you had to do that you didn't feel ready for?

Bottom Line: You can do what you should, even when you don't feel ready.

Memory Verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9 NIV)

"Hey, hey! How many of you like being PREPARED for something you're supposed to do? (*Pause for response.*) This might sound like an odd question right now, but just think with me for a second. If you had to play baseball with your Little League team, you'd want to show up with your bat and your glove and your cleats, right? (*Pause for response.*) If you were invited to your friend's birthday party, you'd want to have their birthday present all wrapped and ready to go, right? (*Pause for response.*) How many of you have ever been in a situation where you DIDN'T feel prepared for what you were supposed to do? (*Pause for response.*)"

Share a personal story about a time you felt unprepared or use the following example.

"When I was just a little older than you guys, I had a leading role in a play my school was putting on. This wasn't my first leading role—I had played big parts in other productions at my school. This, however, was my first MUSICAL. You all know how a musical works, right? You not only need to act on stage . . . but you also have to be able to SING on stage. At best, you could call my singing skill 'rusty.' At worst, you could call them 'similar to an asthmatic bullfrog.' Even still, I practiced and practiced as hard as I could, yet even all the way up to opening night I still didn't feel READY."

"And you know what else? I know I'm not alone. Most of you in this room would prefer to prepare for the situations of life. Nobody wants to sing in a musical when you don't feel ready. No one wants a pop quiz when you don't know the material. And I don't know anybody who gets excited over a big speech they haven't written and rehearsed in advance."

"In life, these surprise situations will happen whether we are prepared or not. So how do *you* react to these situations when they happen? What do you do when you don't feel ready for something you've been asked to do? Do you refuse? Do you run the other direction? Do you curl up in the fetal position and ask to be left alone? Do you look normal on the outside but have a complete meltdown on the inside? And even if you tend to react a certain way, how *should* you react? To find some answers to these questions, let's take a look at this week's episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 14:00)

"I don't know about you, but this story gives me SO MUCH hope for the challenges I will face in life. God didn't call on someone who had life all figured out. He didn't call on a perfect person to complete a difficult task. Rather God called a flawed man who escaped to the desert and picked up shepherding. God needed someone to talk to the most powerful man in all of Egypt and chose a guy who had trouble speaking at times! Why would God do this? Because that's how God works. God often uses unexpected people in unexpected situation to do extraordinary things for Him. And Moses had nothing to worry about, because God was with Moses every step of the way. God gave Moses exactly what he needed to get the job done. In return, Moses followed God and stood up to Pharaoh."

"I love how God rescued His people in this story. Even during the final plague, God saved the Israelites through the sacrifice of lamb's blood, which was painted over their doorframes. This is an incredible picture of how God made a way for all of us to be rescued from our sins through the blood of Jesus, the ultimate, once-and-forever Rescuer!"

“When God gives us a task, this story reminds us He will make us ready. Whether we feel prepared or not God can give us what we need to get the job done. So if you feel like God has chosen you for something great, then that means you’re probably the perfect person for the job. God will give you what you need when you need it.”

“To do this, we must trust God no matter what and ask Him to show us what to do, where to go, and what to say. As we head to small groups, we want you to think about this question . . .”

CG: Key Question Slide

“Think about some of the situations that you’ve faced: **what have you had to do that you didn’t feel ready for?** This might have been something in your past or something that’s happening in your life right now! Whenever we face a situation like this, talk to God about it. Trust God to give you exactly what you need for the task at hand. Then GO FOR IT! You’ll talk more about this in Small Group. Before you head there, let’s pray together.”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard, then lead offering and Worship Experience before dismissing to small group.

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 place it in our Alley Offering Bin *(point children to location of bin)*

CG: Alley Offering Bin JPEG

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 (Acts 20:35)

(Invite students to place their offerings in bin)

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

NOTE: Students will stand and sing “Ready Now” by Desperation Band. Be an active participant and set the example for your group!

Dismiss to Small Groups