

Alley Rundown—February 28th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Hey Brother (Good Samaritan) • *Luke 10:25-37*

Today's Key Question: How can you be kind to people who are different from you?

Today's Bottom Line: Be kind to people who are different from you.

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Monthly Memory Verse: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

CG: *Dude Perfect Filler Videos*

“Hey, everyone! Great seeing you all today. As we get started, let’s play a little game. I need a volunteer up here.”

Choose a volunteer.

“Have you ever played ‘Never Have I Ever’? Cool, so this is a little variation of that game. Here’s how it works: just say to everyone, ‘Never have I ever . . .’ and then finish the phrase with something you haven’t done. It could be something you haven’t eaten, somewhere you haven’t gone, something you haven’t tried. Like, ‘Never have I ever eaten sushi.’ Then, the rest of you who are sitting down would stand up if that statement is also true for you. In this case, you too have never eaten sushi. Everyone will then sit back down between rounds, and the person who called will choose someone who was just standing to do the next round. Get it? Okay. Start us off!

Play as many rounds as you want. Have a new person each time chosen from those who are standing. It is non-elimination this way, although this can be played in a circle with chairs where there is one less chair than people and everyone has to run and find a new seat. The way directed above is more socially distant.

(After) “That was fun to see all the ways you all are different from each other, but as we saw, many of you are also the same.”

“Now, some of you might be asking yourself, ‘I thought we were talking about kindness. Why are we playing this game?’ Fair question. Well, think about it. When you’re little, you don’t notice too many of the difference between you and the kids in your preschool or kindergarten class. As we get older though, we start to see differences between us and others. Some people are artistic, others are sporty, and some are both. And sometimes those difference keep us from being kind. It’s really easy to be kind to people we like and people who are like us. But kindness is bigger than our differences, isn’t it?”

“The truth is we see needs around us all the time, and as we’ve learned this month, it can be easy for us to ignore those needs and go on with our lives. Unfortunately, this is even more true when the person who has the needs is different from us. So the question we need to ask ourselves is how can we show kindness to those who are different than us, or maybe even to those we don’t even like? That’s an important question that needs a good answer.”

And when we need a good answer, where should we go first? Yep, the Bible. The Bible is filled with stories and insights from people who experienced God first hand and were inspired to write them down, so we could learn from them today. Let's head there now with the help of this week's episode. Take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 15:00)

"The easiest thing for us to do is to surround ourselves with people who are like us—who dress like us, who look like us, who act like us. And when we do this, it sure makes it easy to love our neighbors. Why? Because it is almost like loving ourselves! But with this parable, Jesus pushed the boundary lines out. In fact, He got rid of the lines all together.

"Your neighbor is not defined by geography or school district. It is not just your friend group or sports team. Your neighbor becomes anyone—ANYONE whom you cross paths with in life no matter how different they might be. And what MAKES you a neighbor is how you respond to them. 'Which of these three WAS a neighbor?' It is an action.

"The opponent on the court that falls due to an injury. You are being a neighbor when you show kindness to them

"The family from a different country that owns the restaurant where your family gets takeout. You are being a neighbor when you show kindness to them.

"The kid at school wearing the same clothes two days in a row because there is something going on at home. You are being a neighbor when you show kindness to them.

"Today as we close our talk, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

"How can you be kind to people who are different from you? This is an important question. When we see how Jesus defines neighbor, the options are endless. Everyone is someone who God loves. How can we show them God's love with our kindness? Before we head out, let's pray and ask God to help us see the ways we can show His love to others. Let's pray."

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, dismisses kids to All Together Activities.