

ALLEY RUNDOWN – February 5th, 2023

Today's Bible Story: For the Sake of the Call (Calling of the Disciples) • *Luke 5:1-11, 27-32*

Today's Key Question: When have you felt left out?

Today's Bottom Line: Include people who are left out

Monthly Memory Verse: *Do to others as you want them to do to you.* Luke 6:31 (NIV)

Dude Perfect Filler Videos

SLIDE: Theme

“What’s up, everybody?! I am so excited each of you made it to Alley! Each one of us has different backgrounds, characteristics, and hobbies! No two people are exactly the same. However, all of us have at least one thing in common this morning. Anybody want to guess what I am talking about? (Allow response) Those are great! Yes, we are all at church, yes, we love God and think Jesus is pretty awesome! But that’s not quite what I’m thinking. Here it is . . . Each one of us traveled on some sort of road to get to church! I’m pretty sure that no one took their helicopter, boat, blimp, or snowmobile to get here!

“Whether your family drove a two-door coupe, four-door sedan, a minivan, or a city bus, we couldn’t be more excited you squeezed into the ride to get here! Speaking of which, this is a perfect transition into a game called ‘PASSENGERS’!

SLIDE: Passengers!

“Whether you know them or not, there are rules to the roads we must abide by. One of the rules is having the correct number of passengers in your vehicle! If you’re riding in a minivan with seven seats, you can’t have eight people riding inside! You can only have seven passengers!

“Here’s how ‘PASSENGERS’ the game will work. On the screen, we’ll flash an image of a vehicle with a specific number of seats. Your job will be to group together with the correct number of PASSENGERS to fill the vehicle. If a four-seat sedan appears, you need to find three other PASSENGERS to join you. If you are unable to gather in the exact number of people, you will be eliminated from the game and will need to move to the sides of the room!

“Make sure you are paying attention to the screen so you know how many PASSENGERS you need in your ride. Any questions? (Allow response) Awesome. Then let’s abide by the road rules and stand up to play ‘PASSENGERS’!

AUDIO: Upbeat Game Music

Encourages kids and leaders to play. Continue to play until you have two winners.

SLIDE: Passengers Game Slides

“What a ride! Great job to all of our participants. In fact, I need all of you to raise your right hand (*demonstrating*) and reach behind your back to pat yourself for a job well done! This game wasn’t easy. In fact, everybody in this room was LEFT OUT of a vehicle except our two ‘PASSENGERS’ CHAMPIONS! Let’s make some noise for our winners!

SLIDE: Theme Background

“Think about your life really quick. Have there ever been moments where you or someone you know felt like some of us felt in that game...left out?

“This could have happened when classmates were picking teams on the playground, and you were picked last. When a friend passed out their birthday invitations, but your best friend never received one. After working extra hard all year at school, you still didn’t get the ‘E for Effort’ award.

“Chances are, at some point we’ve felt left out. On top of that, I’m sure that we all know people who feel unseen or forgotten. We can’t control what others do, but we can be sure to include others, especially those often overlooked! For whatever reason, even though we know how this feels, we don’t always remember to include others. How can we be sure that we’re people who show respect to everyone and make them feel included?

“It’s a great question, one that we should take the time to answer. When we have questions like this, the first place we should look is the Bible. Remember, the people who wrote the Bible experienced God first hand. God inspired them to write down their experiences so others could get to know God for themselves. Let’s check out a moment from the life of Jesus that can help us figure out this question.”

Lesson Video

“I love stories like these because they highlight how differently and intentionally Jesus lived His life! Most of us would pick the tallest or strongest or fastest to join our sports team. We want the hardest working or the smartest to be in our group project at school. When Jesus asked Peter, James, John, and Matthew to follow Him, these men were very likely already passed over by others. You see, they all had other jobs, which meant that none of them had been chosen to be discipled and learn from other rabbis or Jewish teachers like Jesus! They weren’t seen as anyone special or worthy of being their disciple.

“In fact, none of Jesus’ disciples were super extraordinary people. Rather, as just ordinary fishermen or political rebels, they all may have felt left out. Matthew, the tax collector, was definitely not liked and probably felt like an outsider. But Jesus looked beyond what everyone else saw. Jesus saw them how God, His Father, saw them. Jesus chose people who may have felt left out to change the world.

“Don’t miss this point: Jesus included everyone! He spent all sort of time with people who were forgotten, avoided, and overlooked. He chose these men to be His disciples and to be His closest friends!

“It’s crazy to think these events happened over 2,000 years ago, but we can still learn a lot from what Jesus said while He was on Earth and the way He lived His life! He chose unexpected people who didn’t only *feel* left out, but they *were* left out. And those people went on to share Jesus’ message, show God’s love, and actually change the world.

“What would it look like for us to live like Jesus when we see others being excluded? What if we made a point to show God’s love to all by including others? We can show others they are important by what we say and do.”

“I’m sure all of us have felt left out, whether it was recently or a long time ago. Maybe your cousins are much older and do their older cousin activities without you. Maybe everyone in your small group at church has a different hobby than you. Maybe you weren’t asked to join the all-star team. Being overlooked or left out is no fun!”

“As we get ready to head to our Small Groups today, we want you to think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“When have you felt left out? Because when you remember the feeling and discover how Jesus included others who were excluded, it should help us to include others! I’m really excited about the conversations you are about to have with your Small Groups! Before we leave, let’s pray together and ask God to help us to include all others! Let’s pray.”

Dismiss students to their small groups after praying, offering and SuperStart announcement.

OFFERING:

As some of you may already know, we are highlighting some of our Parkview Global Missionaries from the beautiful country of Mexico. Here is a picture of our Missionary Friends Eli and Mandy Garcia!

CG: Eli and Mandy

Parkview has spent many years developing a very important partnership with an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico. This group has been working in many of the under-resourced areas to plant churches, start schools, and care for the amazing people of Mexico. Here’s a picture of some of the kids at the school down in Mexico.

SLIDE: Kids at School (Image 6620)

So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now knowing that it is going to help a lot of people just like you in the great country of Mexico!

CG: SuperStart! Video Promo and Slide

“SuperStart! is coming up very soon and you won’t want to miss this yearly event. It’s an overnight event just for fourth and fifth graders in Naperville, IL, where you’ll get to play games, eat pizza, make new friends, and hear an awesome message about how much Jesus loves you. You’ll receive a card with all the details on your way out today. Sign up today!”