

# Alley Rundown – February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Today's Bible Story:** I Will Be Here (Mary and Martha) • Luke 10:38-42

**Today's Key Question:** How has someone shown you you're important?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Take time to show others they are important

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

## Dude Perfect Filler Videos

### SLIDE: Theme

"Hey, friends! Thanks for being here today. Every time I have the privilege of teaching, you welcome me with such warmth. You do a great job making me feel important. That thought has got me thinking. We show various people they are important in different ways. I want you to talk about the specific ways we show famous individuals they are important.

Let's brainstorm the ways we might show YouTube stars they are important.

"Great thoughts, everyone! Many of you spend time each week watching your favorite YouTube personalities! You show them they are important by liking their videos, subscribing to their channel, and buying their merch! What about sports figures? Maybe our favorite college or professional players? How do you show them they are important?

"Yes. Many of us watch our favorite athletes compete! For example, many in this room watched the Super Bowl last week. You might show them they are important by wearing their jersey, going to their games, seeking their autograph, or wearing their signature shoes!

"It's not difficult to think about ways we make famous individuals feel important. Chances are a lot of them already feel pretty important. Not many of us get to meet these sorts of public figures, so when we do, we remember the interaction and what we did to show them respect."

"On the other hand, think about this for moment. What do you do to show regular, non-famous people they are important? This room is full of people who have and will continue to make meaningful contributions to others. All of us in this space and in this town are important in our own ways, but I doubt you will ask your math teacher for her autograph. Most won't salute your school bus drivers when they stop at your homes tomorrow morning. And no one will try to wear the same shoes your granny rocks every day! So what are you doing each day to show others around you respect?

"If we were to brainstorm, we could come up with incredible ways to show others they are important. The list might include thoughtful gifts, handwritten notes, and massive hugs. However, what if there was something even easier we could do? Respect might seem like doing things for people, but what if respect could look like just being with people?

"That's an interesting question to think about. This month, we've already seen a few moments from Jesus' life and ministry that help us understand how we can show respect. Let's check out another moment from His life that might help us figure this one out.

## Lesson Video: (Runtime 10:44)

"This is such an interesting story, the two sisters showed Jesus He's important in very different ways.

"Martha was trying to be the 'hostess with the most-est!' She worked to prepare the house while Jesus was teaching! Martha wanted Jesus to see a clean house and possibly enjoy some refreshments! As she worked, Martha ran here and there (referencing the *Martha volunteer*). Did you notice Jesus never said that serving others was a bad choice? Instead, He said that Martha was worried and upset about many things. Jesus addressed what was happening in her heart while she worked!

"Mary, on the other hand, opted to give Jesus something very different—her time and attention (*referencing the Mary volunteer*). It was her desire to know Jesus better and to learn from Him!"

"This story reminds us that time **WITH** Jesus should always come before doing something **FOR** Him. Jesus knows each of you and loves you! When we make time to be with Jesus, we are showing Jesus He's important!"

"Many of you know how to spend time with Jesus! This is done through reading the Bible, singing worship songs to Him, talking to Him in prayer!"

"This principle is not only for how we spend time with Jesus but also works with the people around us. Everybody do a favor for me. Look around the room. (*Allow response*) All the people around you are important! To show others they are valuable, we can do just like Mary did for Jesus! We can give them our time. When we intentionally spend time with people, we show them they're important! Whether these are family members or new neighbors or your Small Group, your time and attention will communicate you care about them."

"Each of you has people in your life who care about you! Often, they show their care for you in different ways. Your grandmother makes your favorite cake. Your little sister draws you pictures. Your uncle gives you a hug. As we prepare to go spend time with our Small Groups, think about this question:

#### **SLIDE: Key Question**

**"How has someone shown you you're important?** It could have been a teacher just before Christmas break or a coach after you gave your best effort! We are excited you are here so you can talk more about this in your Small Groups. Before we do that, let's pray and ask God to help us show others they're important! Let's pray."

*Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group after offering and the SuperStart announcement.*

#### **OFFERING TIME:**

All this month, we have been bringing our money to support Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Your offering helps people just like you to have the resources they need to experience a new life with Jesus! Here is a picture of our friends Eli and Mandy Garcia and their family...

#### **SLIDE: Eli and Mandy**

They are our friends and Parkview Global heroes that tell people about Jesus down in Mexico. So, if you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays!

#### **CG: Vida Nueva Ministries Video (Runtime: 2:00)**

#### **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. Sign up today!"