

# ALLEY Rundown – October 21- 23, 2023

**Today's Bible Story:** We Didn't Start the Fire (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) • *Daniel 3*

**Today's Key Question:** When has someone helped you see God?

**Today's Bottom Line:** When you do what's right, others can see God.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught.* Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

## **SLIDE: Theme**

### **OPENER**

**HOST:** "Welcome one and all! My name is [Name of Host], and I am extra excited to be with you here in the Alley. I have a question for you. Have you ever driven a remote-control car?

Driving a remote-controlled car is no easy task. And what if you were driving one with a blindfold on? How can you see the car when you're blindfolded? You can't! Driving a remote-controlled car requires you to watch where the car is going. If you're unable to see, you'll have a hard time steering the car in the right direction and avoiding the obstacles.

You know what? This reminds me of life! When I face difficulties or experience victories, I wish I could see God—like an approving smile or comforting gaze. Sure, we can see God in others. See Jesus through our family and friends. But sometimes it doesn't feel like that's enough. Like I wish I could physically see God. I wish I could have a conversation with Jesus on the couch. Nothing would be more reassuring than seeing God in moments when I have lots of questions or don't know what to do.

But what if it was possible to see God? What if you and I could see God every day? How amazing would it be if we were able to see God at our schools or in our homes or at the grocery store or driving through town? How would that change the way we live and approach the circumstances we face?

Those are some great questions. I have a feeling if we looked at the Bible, we'd find all sorts of people who experienced similar situations with similar questions. The writers of the Bible had all sorts of experiences with God, many of them *did* have dinner and conversations with Jesus, and many were in the room when the Holy Spirit showed up for the first time. God inspired them to write those moments down for others to learn about and experience God, too. What if because of how they experienced God, we get to experience God's presence, too? Let's check out one of those moments together and find out.

## **VIDEO: So and So Show (16:53)**

Think about all the people God has placed in your life. There are friends, coaches, aunts, parents, teachers, small group leaders, and the list goes on. Each one is significant and works to invest in you or care for you. As you think of those people, we want you to consider this question:

## **SLIDE: Key Question**

**When has someone helped you see God?** Although many of those we just mentioned may be the answer to the question, it could be someone you barely know or someone you've never met. If you don't have an answer, no worries. During Small Groups, we'll explore what it could look like for you to help others see God. Before we do, let's pray and thank God for always being with us.

*Host leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard.*

**Before we head into small groups, we want to tell you about a special event.**

**SLIDE: Alley After Hours**

We have an extremely fun night planned just for you on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Alley After Hours is ONLY for 4th and 5th graders and we are taking over the whole church!

It's one epic night of jumpy's, a glow room, epic ball, crafts, and prizes! Just bring yourself, all your friends and some money to buy candy and slushies, too. And the best part is - we will have an end of the night battle between 4th and 5th graders to see which one of our mystery leaders will be slimed!

It will be a night you won't want to miss, so register online today and be sure to tell your friends so they can register, too. You can grab a postcard on your way out!

**OFFERING:**

Until the end of 2023, our offering money will go to families in Kenya. We are working with an organization called Missions of Hope. Our money will help them make food baskets to bring to families who live in Turkana. As you can see in these pictures, this is an area in Kenya called Turkana that is very rural and the people who live there do not have much money for food.

**SLIDES: Kenya 1-4**

The food baskets will be such a blessing to the children and families in this community! If you have any offering you can bring it up now.