

ALLEY Rundown – November 25- 27, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Remember Me (The Lord's Supper/Passover) • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

Today's Key Question: What are some good habits you have?

Today's Bottom Line: Make a habit of being grateful.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.* Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

SLIDE: Theme

What's up, friends! We are here for our final week of talking about gratitude! We've had a great month discovering more about how we can let others know how much they've helped us. But we're not finished yet.

And we just had a chance to celebrate giving thanks this week on Thanksgiving! What did you do to celebrate Thanksgiving with your family?

Give kids a chance to share what they did.

Alright, so habit is usually a word that we associate with something not so great for us, right? Like snacking before dinner or biting our nails. But actually, habits can be actually great. Like dribbling a ball, being good at math, brushing your teeth, or keeping your shoelaces tied.

But what about a habit of gratitude, specifically when it comes to our faith in Jesus? Can someone actually practice and get better at celebrating Jesus and all He's done for you? That's an interesting question, one I'd like for us to think about today. After all, what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross and coming back to life was AMAZING; we should probably figure out how we can make a habit out of thanking Him for that.

And thankfully, we have the best place to start when it comes to learning about what it means to follow Jesus: The Bible! The Bible is all about Jesus, why He came, what He did, and how we can live because of it all. Let's see what the writers of the Bible have to say about a habit of gratitude for Jesus.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (12:44)

We can read it in Jesus' own words the night before He went to the cross. Jesus was building into His followers . . . building into US . . . a habit for how to remember and be thankful for what He has done for us.

Maybe you haven't understood communion before or haven't seen the big deal as to why the church does it. But I hope that now you can see how Jesus Himself has given us a way to remember what He has done for us and to remember all year long!

At Parkview, we celebrate communion each week during the worship service in the auditorium. It's a chance for those who have given their life to God to reflect on what Jesus has done for them.

But even if you don't celebrate communion yet, you can still make a habit of remembering what Jesus did for you with His life, death, and resurrection. You can write a favorite Bible verse and tape it up somewhere where you can see it and remember. You can make a playlist of worship songs to Jesus and listen to it as you fall asleep at night or when you're on your way to school or practice . . . and remember. You could even make a habit of talking with a parent or a friend about what God is doing in your life to . . . you guessed it . . . remember. There are all sorts of ways you can remember that Jesus loves you so much and gave His life for you to be with God forever!

Today as you go to groups, think about this:

SLIDE: Key Question

What are some good habits you have? How can the habits you have also teach you when it comes to developing good habits of remembering what Jesus has done for you? What are some other good habits we can develop in our relationship with God . . . like prayer, Bible reading, or serving others? You'll talk more about this with your Small Group, but before you head out, let's pray and ask God to help us develop good habits, especially when it comes to remembering all that Jesus has done for us! Let's pray!

SLIDE: Theme

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

OFFERING:

Where has our offering money been going to this year? Yep, to families in Kenya! They are experiencing lack of food because of an on-going drought. We are collecting money for food baskets for families in Turkana. If you have any offering, you can bring it up now while we watch this video of Turkana families.

Turkana video #2

SLIDE: Theme