

ALLEY Rundown – May 25- 26, 2024

Today's Bible Story: All I Have to Give (The Widow's Offering) • *Mark 12:41-44*

Today's Key Question: How can you live for God?

Today's Bottom Line: Practice living for God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

SUPPLIES: 5th grade graduation gifts (prayer journals)

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

What's up, everyone? Can you believe it is the end of the month already? We've been learning, training, racing, practicing . . . it's been quite the month. And today, we're not changing course or slowing down, not one bit! Full speed ahead!

Find a partner near you; we're going to have a quick conversation. Tell the person this: Out of all the things on this planet—food, water, air, PlayStation 5s—what are the most important things to you? Give your partner a list of your Top Three Most Important Things.

Let kids chat for a moment. Then ask a few kids to share their responses.

For me, it's [say a few things that are important]. Can't live without them—next question! Out of all the people on this planet, who is the most important to you? A parent? A teacher? Vlad, who gives you cookies? Who's the most important?

Let kids chat for a moment. Then ask a few kids to share their responses.

For me, it's [the person who is most important]. Can't go a day without them, for sure. Next question. How do you show the people who are important to you that they are, in fact, important to you? What do you do to show them?

Let kids chat for another moment, and after, ask a few to share their thoughts.

Last question, and this isn't for you to turn and talk . . . just for you to think about.

Is God important to you? (pause) I know the 'church' answer but think about it. Is God *really* important in your lives?

If so, how do you show how important God is? What things do you do? How do you talk, pray, sing even, to let God know how you feel? And is it more than those things? Is there something we can do to worship God?

These are pointed questions, for sure. It's one thing to think that God is great . . . but it's another thing entirely to actually do things to show God the gratitude we feel. Thankfully, we've got a great story today that illustrates how we can put our worship of God into action!

VIDEO: The So and So Show (13:50)

Jesus was saying, 'Sure, if you want to add up the amount, the rich people won. Hands down. They gave the most money. The rich people gave more in gold, but the woman gave more in her offering.

There's a difference! The rich people gave a lot but still had a lot left. But for the poor widow, what she gave probably meant she wasn't going to eat that day or have money for new clothes. The Rich Man's offering hardly cost him anything. Her offering cost her something.

This was true worship. A lot of people can say they're living for God through their words, but this woman proved she was living for God through her actions. She put it into practice.

I love this story because it shows us what it means to not hold anything back. That may look like the widow and mean sacrificing our money. But it doesn't have to be just money. We can give our time, attention, a good attitude, our talents—there are lots of ways to worship God.

So, as awesome as it is to come together and worship God through singing or reading the Bible each week, God wants us also to go out and live and show love in the world like God really matters to us. Even if it might be difficult.

5th Grade Presentation:

Well, it's a very special day for our 5th graders, They are moving out of Parkview Kids and into Parkview Students! In fact, let's bring them up right now.
(*Call all current 5th graders up to the front*)

We are so excited for our 5th Graders here in the Alley to move up to Parkview Students. We loved having you here in Parkview Kids! We will miss you tremendously, but we believe God is just getting started on your faith story. He has great plans for your life. I can't wait to see/hear all about how you continue to grow in your walk with Jesus! We love you guys!

(Call up 5th Graders, give them their prayer journals, and pray that God would continue to use them and bless them as they move up to Student Ministry.)

Also 5th graders, Parkview Students has a super cool event to welcome you! You don't want to miss it on Sunday June 2nd!

(Pass out postcards about the event to all of the 5th graders)

CG: Summer JAM Slide

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up very soon and we're so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam Tent after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt! And 5th graders, you can sign up to volunteer!

Before you head to small groups, make sure to stop and drop your offering in the container if you have it!