

# ALLEY Rundown – September 14 - 15, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Take Time (Jesus Heals Bartimaeus) • *Mark 10:46-52*

**Today's Key Question:** When has someone made time for you?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Make time to help others.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** "Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)

- **CAMPUS SUPPLIES:** 6 large cardstock signs (Homework, Non-Homework Reading, Housework, Relaxing/Thinking, Sports, YouTube.) and 6 post it notes prepared as stated below:
- Before kids arrive, prepare 6 Post-It Notes. The following numbers need to be written on each with a dark marker:

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 hour 26 min | 31 minutes                  |
| 8 minutes     | 45 minutes                  |
| 10 minutes    | 2 hours with a dark marker. |

## PRE SERVICE – Dude Perfect

### SLIDE: Theme

Friends, welcome to the ALLEY! For those who are new, welcome! My name is [Name of Host], and we love to have a great time around here as we learn about God and how to trust Jesus. I realize life can be busy, but despite all you've got happening, you are here. It means a lot that you're here with us today!

As we get started this morning, I have a question for you. Have you ever paused to think about how much time you spend each day on various activities? Many of you are juggling a lot between school, sports, piano, scouts, art, church, and the list goes on. There is a lot packed into each day!

To illustrate how young people use their time, I need six volunteers to each hold a sign. On the sign, is an activity the average young person does each day. Anybody want to be a human easel?" (Allow response)

*Communicator calls up six volunteers to each hold a poster. They should stand across the front while holding their poster so the audience can easily read the word.*

Thank you for helping me! Let's call this, 'The Time Is Right!'

### SLIDE: The Time Is Right

I need someone from the audience who thinks they can guess the correct amount of time the average teen spends each day doing one of these tasks. Anybody want to give it a try? (Allow response)

*Communicator brings up a volunteer.*

This activity is simple. I have six Post-It Notes with the average time a teen spends on each activity. You must pick up each sticker and attempt to pair them with the correct activity. Make sense? (Allow response) Great! Let's get to it.

*Communicator allows the volunteer to quickly place a Post-it on each poster. Once the volunteer finishes, the Communicator reveals which answers are correct and corrects the stickers that are incorrectly paired.*

*Activities and Answers:*

*homework (1 hr 26 min),  
non-homework reading (8 min),  
housework (31 min),  
relaxing/thinking (10 min),  
sports (45 min),  
YouTube (2 hrs).*

Our volunteer did a great job with this difficult task! When you step back and look at the average time a teen spends on these tasks, a few things stand out to me. Teens spend more time watching YouTube than doing homework! Plus, I was not expecting the non-homework reading number to be so low! And finally, I wish my own kids would spend 31 minutes a day straightening the house.

In all seriousness, some of these numbers are surprising. You might think that people would prioritize the most important or urgent tasks over others. How do people have two hours a day to devote to YouTube, but only ten minutes to relaxing and thinking?

At the same time, these numbers are not *that* surprising. The best way to determine what you care about is by looking at how you spend your time. Pause for a moment to really think about how you spend your time.

When you consider the amount of time spent on the daily tasks, what is important to you? Are the tasks you spend the most time doing . . . important? Are you spending your time productively? Do you think any of your time is wasted? Are you making time for other people?

It's important for us to think about how we spend our time. In fact, this is something Jesus cared about too! And if we're looking for good ideas for how we should be spending our time, reading through the Bible is a great place to start! The writers of the Bible had personal experiences with God. And God inspired them to write down what they learned so people like us could discover more about what it means to trust God and follow Jesus. Let's head to the Bible now!

**VIDEO: *The So and SO Show* (20:10)**

What a story! For Bartimaeus, life would not have been simple. During that time in history, being without sight would have meant he was almost completely dependent on the compassion of others and could not earn a living. But then . . . Jesus changed everything for Bartimaeus!

As Jesus happened to pass through the town of Jericho, He paused to heal Bartimaeus! Jesus didn't have to pause to do something to help Bartimaeus, but He did! And because Jesus took the time, light and color exploded before Bartimaeus' eyes in an instant! He could see!"

Each of us fills our day with activities. Some are important like math class, eating lunch, sleeping, or getting ourselves clean. Other times are filled with insignificant actions like mindlessly watching trick-shot videos on YouTube or binge-watching our favorite show. As we think about what Jesus did, it'd be worth considering how we might use some of our time to help others.

We can take our cue from Jesus! Each one of us can keep our eyes open for what the people around us need. And when we see a need we can help with, we can pause, shine Jesus' light, and show compassion! Your mom may need help folding the socks. Your baby brother could use help eating their baby food. Maybe your grandma could use a quick phone call to tell her how much you care about her!

When we follow Jesus, we can show Jesus to others. And sometimes this looks like taking the time to care for others.

As I wrap up our time and we prepare for Small Group, I want you to consider an important question.

**SLIDE: Key Question**

**When has someone made time for you?** This could be a teacher, friend, or even a parent or guardian. It could have happened years ago or be as recent as this morning. Who is someone who took the time to care for you? You will have the chance in a moment to share this person with your Small Groups. Before you do, let's pray and ask God to give us the desire and time to love others the way Jesus did!

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

**SLIDE: Theme**

**CHECK THE TIME:** There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

**OFFERING:**

We are collecting money for an organization called Hope Mobility. It provides wheelchairs to people with physical challenges in Africa. But they provide a lot more than just wheelchairs. Check out this video.

**VIDEO: Michael's Story 2**

Our focus will be raising money for wheelchairs for kids. Each pediatric wheelchair costs \$275 and we will see how many wheelchairs we can purchase to help kids in Africa!

**SLIDE: Theme**