

# Alley Rundown - February 22 - 23, 2025

**Today's Bible Story:** Right Now (Timothy) • 1 Timothy 4:12

**Today's Key Question:** Who has made a difference in your life?

**Today's Bottom Line:** You can make a difference right now.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** "How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well." Psalm 139:14 (NIRV)

## PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS (Dude Perfect)

*Welcome the students and introduce yourself to the group. Set expectations for behavior during the large group. Review "Alley Cash" and bathroom procedures.*

## SLIDE: Theme Background

Hey, friends! How's everyone doing today?! So glad you've all joined us as we finish up our month talking about how God made each of us unique. As we get started, I have a quick question—when have you been told you were too little or too young to do something? Take a moment to chat about that with the person next to you.

*Take some responses from kids as time allows before transitioning to the images.*

Those were all good answers. It's true, at some point we're too young, too little, or too inexperienced to participate in some sort of activity. Sounds like for some of you it was here . . .

## SLIDE: Too young #1

Maybe it was at the local carnival or the amusement park. You really wanted to ride that giant roller coaster. You knew you weren't scared, but when you got to the front of the line, they told you that you were too small to ride the ride. Or maybe it was here . . .

## SLIDE: Too young #2

You didn't want to go to the grocery store or take your big sister to her dance rehearsal. But your mom made it very clear you were too young to stay home by yourself. Or here . . .

## SLIDE: Too young #3

You wanted to watch a show EVERYONE was talking about at school. But when you looked at the rating, you realized your dad would never let you watch it because you were too young to watch. Or here . . .

## SLIDE: Too young #4

You'd love to drive a car! But . . . even YOU know that you're too young to drive a car.

We've all had times when someone has reminded us that we were too small or too young."

No one likes to feel like they're so young or so small that they can't do anything fun. No one likes to feel insignificant like that. That's a big word, but maybe you've been told you're too young so many times that you started thinking, 'Is there ANYTHING I can do while I'm young?' And if you've ever found yourself asking that or thinking that way, I'm glad you're here.

Let's see what the SO and SO guys have to say this week!

**VIDEO: The So and So Show 12:26**

After all, like we talked about earlier, all of us at some point or another feel too young or inexperienced for something. Maybe somebody has even told you that you're too young to make a difference. But think about all the ways Paul told Timothy he could make a difference.

He could set an example in what he said. Think about the way you use your words. Do you have some people in your life who you could be a good example to them on how to use words to build up rather than tear down? You don't have to wait to make wise choices with the sorts of things you say! You can do that right now!

Paul also told Timothy to set an example in how he lived. Think about the choices you make in your life. Do you have some people in your life who could use an example of what it means to live life with wisdom? There's no minimum age for making wise choices and showing others what it means to trust God and follow Jesus. You can do that right now!

Finally, Paul told Timothy to set an example in how he loved. How do you treat the people around you? Do you have some people in your life who can use an example of what it looks like to love other people even when they are hard to love? Again, no matter how old you are, you can always show kindness and love to others. You can do that . . . RIGHT NOW!

Those three categories just scratch the surface. Paul made a difference in Timothy's life, and as a result Timothy was able to make a difference in the lives of countless others. So, just think about all the ways you can follow Jesus and make a difference with your life! Who knows the sort of impact your life can have on others if you choose to share Jesus' love with others, not someday, but RIGHT NOW!"

As you head to Small Group, take some time to think about this.

**Slide: Key Question**

**[Key Question]** "Who has made a difference in your life? Put yourself in Timothy's shoes. Think about the teachers, parents, family members, coaches, even friends in your own life. Consider the ways they stood by you, encouraged you, taught you, and helped you focus on Jesus. They set an example for you, now, think about the ways can set an example for others . . . maybe it's with your family, with people in your neighborhood, or in your school.

How can you use your words, the way you love others, and the wise choices you make with your life to point others to Jesus? And if you're not sure what that looks like for you, don't worry. You'll have a chance to chat all about this with your Small Group. Before you head out, how about we pray and thank God for inviting us and giving us a chance to make a difference right now? Let's pray."

**SLIDE: Theme Background**

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

**SLIDE: SuperStart!**

There's one more thing I have to tell you about; it's called Super Start! It's coming up in March and it's an overnight event just for 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We will travel on a bus to a conference - where you'll get to play games, eat, make new friends, and hear awesome messages about how much Jesus loves you. Check out this video...

**VIDEO: SuperStart!**

**CHECK THE TIME:** There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.

***SLIDES: Offering pics 1-4 (scroll through while describing the mission)***

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. Starting in 2025 we are giving the money we collect to a church called La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay).

La Liberte' Church is in the Republic of Congo which is in Africa. The kids at the church live in an area where they don't have a lot of money, and sometimes don't have a lot of food for their family. When the kids come to church on Sunday, they feed them a hot meal. They feed around 700 children every weekend and each meal costs \$2.00. Our goal is to help feed as many kids as we can!

***SLIDE: Theme***