

Alley Rundown - March 1 - 2 2025

Today's Bible Story: Come On, Let's Go (Jesus and His Followers) • Luke 5:1-11, 27-32; 6:12-16; 8:1-3

Today's Key Question: When have you seen people work together?

Today's Bottom Line: Jesus wants us to work together.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (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.

Hello, everyone! I'm so excited to be back here with you digging into things and uncovering truths to strengthen our faith in Jesus. Now, I don't know if you looked around lately, but there are a *lot* of people on this planet. And all of us are different—different hair styles, different heights, even different ages, different ideas, and different jobs.

Which got me thinking about all the jobs I've had in my life.

Talk about a few jobs you've had.

There are a crazy number of jobs and careers out there! For example, look at this picture. How many people and what different jobs do you think it took to build this?

SLIDE: Picture of SoFi Stadium in California

Have kids answer as many as they can. (Optional: write their answers on a whiteboard or large tear sheet.)

What about the jobs of people who actually *work* there? Which ones can you think of for those?

Again, take answers from kids, then continue. (Optional: write their answers on a whiteboard or large tear sheet.)

It's literally thousands of people who worked on and currently work in this crazy futuristic stadium. What about this? What kinds of jobs would it take to build this?

SLIDE: Picture of a Tesla Cybertruck

Take answers from the Large Group, then continue. (Optional: write their answers on a whiteboard or large tear sheet.)

I mean, it's not the *prettiest* thing to look at, but boy, people would sure talk if you drove up to the fast-food drive-through in that thing. Okay, last one; just **think** about it—don't answer. How many jobs would it take to do this?"

SLIDE: Picture of someone offering food to an unhoused person

Pause for a moment for kids to take in the picture and then continue. (Optional: write their answers on a whiteboard or large tear sheet.)

Maybe it only takes one person to take care of someone who has a specific need. But when you look at a need or problem that impacts a whole part of our population, it takes a whole lot of people to address the *whole* problem, doesn't it? Giving one person one meal for one lunch on one day is great, but to really make a change for why someone might face a time in their lives when they are without a home or have little access to food, we need to figure out a way for lots of people to cooperate and create big solutions.

And if we, as humans, can work together and build huge stadiums that glisten in the California sun or work together and have the engineering ingenuity to craft a sleek, obnoxious looking electric truck, why is it often difficult for us to work together and focus on solving some real problems that impact a lot of people?

It's so obvious that when we work together well, great things can happen. But what would happen if we focused on working together to help others or change the course of someone's life . . . and really made a difference? Each of us might be different, from different places, different families, and even different cultures—but how can we figure out how to work together? How can we remember that working together is a *hugely* important part of life and living the life God has for us?"

Those, my friends, are great questions. And great questions deserve great answers. It's a good thing we've got a great book (*hold up the Bible*) to help us discover some of these. You know, one of the amazing things we sometimes forget is that the people mentioned in the Bible, David, Moses, Aaron, Paul . . . they were all real people. They all actually lived—they're not just some made-up stories to help people live better lives.

Let's see what the So & So Show has to share with us today about the people Jesus chose to be His helpers,

The So and So Show 13:10

You might've noticed we have a *lot* of people around here who make the Alley happen every week. We're all different, we're all not like each other, but we all come together and set aside our differences and work toward accomplishing something pretty special.

The example given to us by the disciples is a great one. Those people couldn't have been more different from one another! But they had one thing in common, one thing that kept them all together, working alongside one another. That one thing—that one Person—was Jesus.

He is the cornerstone. The lynchpin. The common ground. He is the One we can all agree upon when we're disagreeing with one another. If we keep Jesus in mind, unbelievable things can get accomplished when we work together well.

Look around. There are all kinds of people in this room, and they're all different from you. They have different ways of thinking about things, they take things differently, they learn differently, and they act differently. However, amazing things happen when people from all walks of life come together and figure out how to work side by side.

As we head to Small Groups, we want you to consider this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“When have you seen people work together?”

I'm guessing you've got lots of examples, and we can't wait to get into our Small Groups to talk about it further. Before we head to our Groups, let's pray, thanking God for Jesus and the example that His disciples have set for all of us.

SLIDE: Theme Background

CHECK THE TIME: There should be at least 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 5-8 (scroll through while describing the mission)

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. 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. Here are some pictures of the great work the church is doing to teach kids about Jesus. 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