

Alley Rundown - March 29-30, 2025

Today's Bible Story: We're All in This Together (One Body, Many Parts) • 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Today's Key Question: What part can you play?

Today's Bottom Line: Work together to point people to Jesus.

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.

Welcome! Can you believe it? It's already the last weekend in March! Time is flying by! Does anyone play or watch basketball? (*Get responses*) Awesome. I love basketball!

On any basketball team, you've got people who are good at playing the game in general, but they might be really GREAT at one aspect of it. Like one person is a great rebounder. One person might be a lock-down defender. One person might be crazy good at shooting threes. Rarely do you get someone who is amazing at *everything*. Usually, it's one thing.

So, if you've got one person who can shoot threes, one person who can defend, one person who can rebound . . . if you put all those parts together, you've got the makings of a pretty good team!

The coach makes it clear what each person's job on the team is. But what about bigger things, like following Jesus? Living life with wisdom? Helping others? What's the role you're supposed to play in those things? More than that, how can you even find out?

It's a tricky question. You can't just say, 'Oh, I'll just help people.' Or, 'I'll just be super nice.' It's not as simple as that. God created you to be unique, and to uniquely help others. Your gifts will partner with other people's gifts, and coordinating and cooperating with others can accomplish amazing things.

But getting there? Figuring all of that out? Finding your role to play? That's the difficult part. It's a good thing we've got this (*hold up Bible*) to help. In the Bible we can find all sorts of truth and wisdom to help us trust God and follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives . . . including how we discover how we can work together with cooperation.

The So and So Show 16:07

We're all gifted at different things, right? Some are super-smart, and others are super-athletic. Some are great at giving gifts, and others are master musicians. Some are great listeners, and some are fierce friends. And even with all our differences, we need one another!

You may feel like you don't have a lot to offer. You might not know yet where your gifts lie . . . and that's okay. This is something we'll never stop learning about ourselves. Or what if you aren't as talented, or athletic, or fast, or smart, or popular, or quick to figure things out as someone else? Paul wrote: *'The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are the ones we can't do without (1 Corinthians 12:22, NIRV).*

That means the body of Christ needs *everyone*. Especially you. You're incredibly valuable to the work God is doing in this world. Each one of us, me included, is a part of the body of Christ. And if we can figure out how to work together, not to focus on our differences and how they keep us apart but to focus on how our differences complement one another through cooperation, we can really show this world what Jesus is like . . . and change lives along the way.

Listen, you might not have it figured out. You might not know yet where you fit in the great, grand scheme of things. One thing you *can* know, though, is that you *are* a part of it. God made each one of us unique, and no part of the body is unimportant or left out.

As we head to Small Groups, think about this:

SLIDE: Key Question

“What part can you play?”

This is what our Small Groups are built for. For wrestling with questions like these. Be honest, open your ears and hearts, and let’s see if we can really discover who you are in Christ! Before we head there, let’s pray.

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

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.

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. Who remembers the name of the church we are collecting for? (*La Liberte’ Church (La Lib-er-tay)*). Who remembers where the church is located? (*In the Congo in Africa*) Here is a video of the kids at the church singing praise to Jesus.

VIDEO: Kids Singing

Remember: where they live, 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