

ALLEY Rundown – June 21- 22, 2025

Today's Bible Story: You Got This (Encourage One Another) • *Hebrews 10:24-25*

Today's Key Question: When has someone encouraged you?

Today's Bottom Line: Encourage one another.

Monthly Memory Verse: *As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.*
Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO: Dude Perfect

SLIDE: Theme

Roll call, campers! So good to see you all today!

All summer long, we're talking about what it means to 'live it out' because we're learning how to live and love like Jesus! Jesus gave us the perfect example of how love to the people around us. His way is the very **BEST** way to live.

Now, we've been playing some summer type games over the past few weeks, and we've got another good one to play today. This is a good old-fashioned summer 4 corners game! I will show you a slide with 4 things related to summer. You will pick your favorite and go to that corner of the room.

Let's check it out!

SLIDES: Summer 4 corners

Let's get started today with an activity I'd love for everyone to join. First, I need you to get into circles with people around you.

Kids can get into groups of 5-7. If you have a smaller class, just get in one circle.

Now that you're in groups, when I say go, the person currently wearing the **MOST** green will start. Turn to your right and say a few words to encourage that person. That person will then turn to their right and say something encouraging. Continue going around your circle . . . very quickly . . . until you hear further instructions from me. Got it? Let's go!

After it seems like every group has made it a lap around, add in commands like "REVERSE." Explain this means they go the opposite direction. You can also do "MIX IT UP" which means everyone changes places in the circle so they are standing next to different people.

How did that go for you? How did you feel? Was it easy or hard? Why?

Those were great responses. I guess it depends on who we're talking to.

It could be easy to share some encouragement to a person we see all the time. Or for casual friends we don't see that often, it could be a little more difficult or feel weird. Even still, maybe it's just that we don't naturally reach out and encourage other people like that.

As much as everyone loves to receive encouragement, it can seem like everywhere we look, we see people treating each other badly. It's too easy sometimes to talk about someone behind their backs, laugh when someone trips and falls, or tear others down to make ourselves look good. And even if we're not doing those things, I'm sure we all know people who do. Or it could be that we really WANT to encourage the people around us, but we're not always sure what to say or do. Maybe we're shy and aren't sure how we can help others know that we care about them.

These are all points worth talking about. Think about it: what could happen if we choose the way of Jesus and start encouraging people? What could that look like for you and me? How can we know the best way to build each other up?

Thankfully, we have a great place to start when it comes to questions like these—the Bible! In the Bible we can find all sorts of truth and wisdom that can help us understand what it means to follow Jesus, including how we can make the choice to build each other up. Let's head there now and discover some truth together. Because, if we want to LIVE IT OUT and love like Jesus, part of that is learning how to encourage one another.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (14:24)

You know, when the church first started in the early days talked about in the Bible, they didn't really have buildings like we do. Instead, they had people—people who would come together because of their faith in Jesus. And even though our churches often meet together in buildings today, we can't forget that we don't just GO to church . . . we ARE the church. And as we just saw, there is a lot that we need to do as a WE rather than just an I. In other words, to love like Jesus is to live for ONE ANOTHER!

Sometimes we need ONE ANOTHER because we need to be reminded that our hope is truly in Jesus. Sometimes we need ONE ANOTHER to motivate us to love others when it is hard to love others. Sometimes we need ONE ANOTHER to remind us that it's worth the time to stop and serve others. Sometimes we need to gather with ONE ANOTHER so we can encourage them and be encouraged by them. Sometimes we need to share words of hope with those who are discouraged.

One amazing way to live like Jesus is to encourage the people around you. We're especially called to encourage others who love Jesus to love LIKE Jesus!

As you go to your groups today, think about this.

SLIDE: Key Question

When has someone encouraged you? Think about a time when you were impacted by the way someone encouraged you. How can that be an example for how you encourage others? This is something you'll get to talk about more during Small Group. Before you go, let's pray and ask God to help us be an encouragement to others as we share words of hope!

SLIDE: Theme Background

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

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

One way we can all work together to help others in need is through our offering! Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. This year we haven been 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!

CG: Summer JAM Slide

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up THIS WEEK 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 booth after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt! Also grab some invite cards and invite your friends!