

## Alley Rundown – October 11<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Bible Story:** David and the Psalms • *Psalm 1:1-4 (supporting: Psalm 23:1-2; 8:1; 18:2)*

**Conversion Starter:** How do you know what's wise?

**Bottom Line:** God can help you make the wise choice.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.* Proverbs 16:16 (NirV)

**Pre-Service Videos:** *Dude Perfect*

**SLIDE: Theme**

Hey, everyone! Welcome to Wisdomland, where you get to make your own adventure. I hope you're ready for a day full of fun—and maybe even some tough choices. Because today, we're finding out how to make wise choices, no matter what comes your way. God wants to help you make the wise choice step by step through your life. I have a few questions for you.

How many have you ever been to an amusement park?

What are some of your favorite rides?

Have you ever chosen to ride a ride and then realized afterward that it wasn't a wise choice for you to ride that ride? Why?

You see, sometimes making wise choices means looking past what *seems* fun and paying attention to what really matters—being safe, being prepared, and thinking things through. Part of wisdom is not just knowing stuff but making the best choices with what you know.

But wisdom from God goes even beyond that—because it involves knowledge from God Himself! He can even download information from heaven to you as you go through life and make choices!

The closer we get to Him, the more we listen to His voice, the more wisdom we'll learn. And God goes with us step by step through life to help us live wisely and well!

Let's look at this month's Memory Verse together. It's a truth we want to get stuck in our hearts this month, so we can recall it when life gets messy.

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

Let's say it together:

*It is much better to get wisdom than gold.*

*It is much better to choose understanding than silver.* —Proverbs 16:16 NirV

Just think about that—God's wisdom is more valuable than anything you could buy at any theme park, any trophy, or any status you could chase. And God wants to give it to us! He wants to give us something so precious so we live wisely and well!

Remember the cool thing we are doing each week in the Alley? We're going to go through God's Big Story! (*Gesture to slide.*)

**SLIDE: God's Big Story**

Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along. So, as we head into today's true story from the Bible, let's keep asking: **How do you know what's wise?**

Let's find out together.

**VIDEO: The So and So Show (15:15)**

So, what about us? David wrote songs about every part of his life—joy, heartbreak, mess-ups, victories, questions, even doubts. He brought it all to God, over and over. He discovered that wisdom isn't about having the perfect answer every time. It's about going to God when you don't. It's about bringing everything—your best moments, your hardest choices, your mess-ups—to God, and trusting Him to lead you.

Here's what's true: God's wisdom isn't just an old story or something for 'church people.' It's for you, right now, in the middle of whatever you're facing. You might not always feel wise. You might wonder:

**SLIDE: Conversation Starter**

**How do you know what's wise?**

**SLIDE: Theme**

That's a good question. Start by doing what David did: focus on God. Ask Him for help. Look for wisdom in His Word, in the example of Jesus, and in people you trust who are following God too.

So—what's our part in the story? It's to keep asking, 'How do you know what's wise?' It's to keep showing up, keep being honest, keep coming back to God—even when you're not sure.

Let's pray.

God, thank You for being with us in the highs and lows, in every season. Thank You for giving us the book of Psalms, for showing us that we can bring You every feeling and every question. Please give us wisdom for our choices, courage to ask hard questions, and trust to follow where You lead. Help us remember that Your wisdom is for us, right now, every day. We want to be Your close friend and go through life with You. Please teach us how. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Now we want to tell you about a special event that's coming up!**

**SLIDE: Alley After Hours**

We have an extremely fun night planned just for you on Friday, November 14th. Alley After Hours is ONLY for 4th and 5th graders and we are taking over the whole church!

It's one epic night of jumpy's, a glow room, epic ball, crafts, and prizes! Just bring yourself, all your friends and some money to buy candy and slushies, too. And the best part is - we will have an end of the night battle between 4th and 5th graders to see which one of our mystery leaders will be slimed!

It will be a night you won't want to miss, so register online today and be sure to tell your friends so they can register, too. You can grab a postcard on your way out!

### **OFFERING**

We started supporting a new organization with our offering last month. We are going to help kids and adults who live right near us! Our mission is Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy.

### ***SLIDES: Shady Oaks 5-8***

I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities!