

ALLEY Rundown May 16th- 17th, 2026

Bible Story: Paul Becomes a Believer | Ananias Helps Paul • Acts 9:1-31

Conversation Starter: When have you discovered something new about God?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hey, everyone! Welcome in! I'm really glad you're here today. This room is better with you in it!

This month, our theme is called 'TREK.' The full name is 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!' And this whole series is about not giving up. About what it looks like to keep moving forward, even when things are hard, confusing, or don't make sense yet. Because on a trek, quitting is usually the easiest option, but it's not the one that gets you where you want to go.

Before we jump into today's Bible Story, we're going to start with a game. And this one is all about not having everything you need right away. It's called 'Zoomers'. Let's check it out!

VIDEO: *Zoomers*

Here's what I want you to notice about that game. Having part of the picture wasn't enough. You could have some of the it, but still not know what it was until you saw the whole thing.

And that's a lot like real life. Sometimes you don't have the full picture yet. Sometimes things don't make sense. And in those moments, it's tempting to quit, assume it's not worth it, or decide you already know how the story ends.

I want us to look at something really important together. This is our Memory Verse for the month, and it's one of those verses that hits hardest when life feels frustrating or slow.

SLIDE: *Memory Verse*

Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. — Galatians 6:9 NIV

Let me start by explaining something we're going to talk about today. Have any of you guys ever heard of a blind spot? A blind spot is something real that you can't see, even when you're paying attention.

When someone is driving a car, they have mirrors to help them see what's around them. But even with mirrors, there are still places the driver can't see unless they turn their head. That's called a blind spot.

A blind spot doesn't mean the driver is bad at driving or that they aren't trying. A blind spot is there because no one can see everything from one position.

That's why drivers are taught to check their blind spots before changing lanes. There could be a car right next to them—close enough to cause a crash—and they wouldn't know it unless they looked in a different direction.

And here's why that matters for us: blind spots aren't just something that happen on the road. They happen in life too.

There are times when something is real and important, but we don't see it yet. Not because we're ignoring it, but because we don't have the full perspective."

And the hardest part is that blind spots don't usually come with warning signs. No alarms go off. No one taps you on the shoulder. Most of the time, you don't realize you were in a blind spot until something interrupts you or someone points it out.

Sometimes that interruption feels uncomfortable. Sometimes it feels embarrassing. Sometimes it completely changes how you see things.

And that's exactly where today's true story from the Bible begins. It's about a man who had a huge blind spot.

But before we get into our true story from the Bible, let me tell you about something amazing we've been doing all year! And, actually, our journey will be over in a couple of weeks from now at the end of this month!

We're going to go through God's Big Story so we can learn about God!

SLIDE: God's Big Story

We're continuing our journey through the Bible! We're at the part where Jesus had gone back to heaven, but His followers, with His Holy Spirit inside of them, were telling people everywhere about God and His great love! But there was a very dangerous man who did some awful things to stop this message of Jesus from spreading. Let's check it out.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (11:03)

Paul's story reminds us that following God doesn't begin with having everything figured out. Paul thought he saw clearly. He believed he was doing the right thing. But God loved him enough to stop him, challenge him, and give him a new way of seeing. And God still does that today. Sometimes God helps us see things differently by slowing us down. Sometimes He does it by asking us questions we haven't thought about before. And sometimes He uses other people to help us notice what we might be missing. Just like Paul, we don't have to be perfect or have all the answers for God to work in our lives.

Before we head to small groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

When have you discovered something new about God?

As you head into your group, don't worry about giving the perfect answer. Think about the times you've learned something new about God. Maybe it happened at church, talking with your parents, or reading God's Word. Then, be open, and ask God to give you the right perspective on something. Be open to the idea that God might want to help you see in a new way.

Because when we're willing to let God shape our perspective, it can change the direction of our lives, just like it did for Paul.

Let's pray together, friends.

God, thank You for loving us and meeting us where we are. Thank You that You don't expect us to have everything figured out. Just like Paul, we know there are times when we don't see the full picture yet. Help us stay humble and open to what You want to show us. Help us trust You and follow where You lead. We want to see the way You see. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

In Parkview Kids, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. This year we are collecting our offering money to help kids all the way on the other side of the world in a country in Africa called Malawi. Did you know that in this area many communities don't have access to clean water?

Slides: 5-8

We are helping a ministry called E3 which helps put in freshwater wells. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and they don't have to walk with heavy containers of water like you see in these pictures. Children help carry water too! They have to travel so far that they have to miss school sometimes. And if they used the dirty water that is in their village, they would get very sick. Help us raise money to provide clean water wells in the communities in Malawi who need them. We want you to go home and ask what YOU can do to raise money for these families in Africa!

SUMMER JAM

Guess what today is?? It's the opening weekend for signing up for Summer Jam! It's coming up very soon 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! Check out the fun we have!

VIDEO: Summer Jam Promo

SLIDE: Summer JAM Slide