

ALLEY Rundown – August 22nd- 23rd, 2026

Bible Story: Woman at the Well • *John 4*

Conversation Starter: What does it mean to value others?

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* • Psalm 139:14 Nlrv

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hey, everyone! Welcome to The Alley! I'm really glad you're here!

Let me ask you something: Did anything interesting happen to you this week? Maybe you tried something new, something funny happened, or you learned something about yourself. Raise your hand if you'd like to share!

That's one of the things I enjoy about this group: nobody's story is the same. Every one of you brings something different into this room. And that fits perfectly with what we're talking about this month: being God's masterpiece!

Our series this month is called 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and we've been learning about how we weren't created randomly or accidentally. God created us on purpose and for a purpose!

Today, we're learning something huge: **Jesus values everyone.** Even people who feel overlooked. Even people who don't think they matter much. Every single person.

Before we look at our Memory Verse, I want to say something you may not hear very often. Most of us spend a lot of time trying to figure out who we are, what we're good at, what people think of us, and where we fit in. And because of that, it can be easy to let someone else's opinion or a single bad moment define us. The truth God shares with us in the Bible pushes back on that. It reminds us that before anyone else had something to say about you, God already decided your value. That's why this verse matters. It tells you the truth before the world tries to tell you something else.

SLIDE: Memory Verse *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 Nlrv).*

Before we jump into today's Bible Story, we're going to try a little warm-up that might help us notice something we don't always pay attention to.

Here's how it works: I'm going to say a type of person. If you know someone like that, someone in your life who fits that description, I want you to take one step forward. Don't say names or point at anybody. Just take a step and stay there.

Let's start simple.

Take one step forward if you know someone who is kind.

Take one step forward if you know someone who includes others.

Good job! Okay, now let's go a little deeper.

Take one step forward if you know someone who gets left out a lot.

Take one step forward if you know someone people avoid because they've made some bad choices.

Take one step forward if you know someone who can be difficult to be around.

Take one step forward if you know someone most people judge before they even get to know them.

Now stop right where you are. Look at how far you've moved.

Every step you took represents a real person. Some of them are easy to value, kind, encouraging, and fun to be around. But some of the steps you just took represent people who've messed up. People who are awkward. People who push others away. People who get talked about.

And here's the part we usually don't think about: Those people matter just as much to Jesus. He doesn't only value the kind, the confident, or the easy to be around. Jesus values the people everyone else avoids. Even the people who made choices that hurt others. Even the ones who feel alone because of their past. **Jesus values everyone.**

Today's Bible Story is about a woman exactly like that—someone no one wanted to be around, someone people judged, someone everyone avoided. But Jesus didn't avoid her.

VIDEO: *The So and So Show* (10:44)

Today, we saw something powerful in the way Jesus treated the woman at the well. Everyone else saw labels. Everyone else saw her past. Everyone else saw reasons to avoid her. But Jesus saw value. He saw a person worth talking to, worth knowing, worth loving. And because of that moment, her entire story changed.

Now, before we head to Small Groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

What does it mean to value others?

When Jesus chose to talk to the woman at the well, He chose someone people avoided. Someone people judged. Someone most people thought wasn't worth their time.

Every single one of us has someone in our life who needs to know they are valuable. That's why today's question matters. What does it mean to value others? Does it mean slowing down long enough to listen? Is it choosing kindness when you don't feel like it? Is it giving someone a second chance? Is it

refusing to join in when others make fun? Is it noticing someone who usually gets ignored? Does it mean seeing someone the way Jesus sees them? Unpack that in your Small Group today.

Let's pray together, friends.

God, thank You for showing us what real love looks like. Thank You for seeing people others ignore. And thank You for doing the same for us. Help us notice the people around us who feel alone or overlooked. Help us slow down long enough to listen. Give us courage to move toward people instead of away from them. Teach us to see others the way You see them—with compassion, patience, and value. This week, help us treat people the way You treated the woman at the well. We love You, Jesus, and we want our lives to reflect You. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

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!