

ALLEY Rundown – August 29th- 30th, 2026

Bible Story: Gifted Together (Building the Tabernacle) • *Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9; 28:1-3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43*

Conversation Starter: What gifts can you use to build God's kingdom?

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 NIV

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Welcome to the Alley. Good to see you all! All month long, we've been in our series called 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and we've been talking about how God made us His masterpiece!

To start us off, I have a question: What's the craziest or most random thing you've ever created? It could be a fort, a school project, something you built out of boredom—whatever comes to mind.

I love it! Some of you have built things that make sense ... and some of you have built things that probably should've come with a warning label.

Before we jump into our Bible story today, I want to start with something simple. You're going to need the people around you for this.

I'm going to give you a few quick questions. Your job is to turn to someone next to you and answer as fast as you can. Ready?

Here we go ... If you could instantly be amazing at any skill, something you've never tried before, what would it be? Go!

Nice! Next one. If you could build anything, what would you build? Go!

Okay, I'm hearing some pretty cool answers. Sounds like we're dreaming big today!

Last one. Who's someone in your life who does something really well, and you wish you could learn from them? Go!

Awesome. You guys actually have some solid people in your lives, and it sounds like a lot of you want to learn how to cook, draw, or play guitar.

And here's why I wanted you to think about those questions: Every skill you mentioned ... every person you admire ... everything you imagined building—none of that happens instantly. All of it grows over time. But for some reason, if we're not amazing at what we think we should be good at or if we're still learning, we often shy away from using it. Sometimes we shut ourselves down.

In this week's Bible Story, we're going to look at how God makes beautiful things out of what people share with Him. As we'll see, God has put your skills and gifts in you to build something big and beautiful—His kingdom!

VIDEO: *The So and So Show* (8:54)

Today, we saw that God isn't waiting for you to become an expert before He uses you. He's simply asking for the beginning of what He's already placed inside you, your early-stage gift, your rough sketch, your first step. Just like the Israelites building the tabernacle, your part matters, your gift matters, and God wants to use it to build something bigger than you can see right now. The only question is whether you're willing to bring Him what you have and trust Him to do something beautiful with it.

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

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

What gifts can you use to build God's kingdom?

"When God asked His people to build the tabernacle, He just asked them to bring what He had given them

And every single one of us has something like that. Something God has planted. Something He wants to use. Maybe it's a talent you're already aware of. Maybe it's something you're just starting to explore. Maybe it's something you never realized God could actually use.

That's why today's question matters. **What gifts can you use to build God's kingdom?** Maybe it's creativity. Maybe it's kindness. Maybe it's leadership. Maybe it's the ability to include people. Maybe it's encouragement. Maybe it's an instrument you haven't picked up in a while. Maybe it's sharing some extra stuff you have.

Whatever it is for you ... that's what your Small Group is going to talk about today.

Let's pray together.

God, thank You for the gifts You've given each of us. Help us remember that we don't need to be perfect or have everything figured out. You can take even our first attempts—the rough sketches, the beginnings of what we're learning, whatever we have—and grow them into something amazing for Your kingdom. Holy Spirit, guide us, strengthen us, and help us trust that You can use what we already have. Empower us, Holy Spirit. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SLIDE: *Back to School Bash*

We are celebrating back to school with a party in the Alley in a few weeks on September 12th & 13th! We will have games, prizes, crafts and tons of FUN! Bring your postcards home to show your family and invite your friends to church!

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.

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Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. 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 then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that will show women filling their bins with clean water from a brand new well that was just installed in their village!

Missions video 1

Amazing right? Can't wait to see how these wells impact the villages in Malawi!