

# Alley Rundown - August 11-12, 2018

**Bible Story:** Danger Zone (Wise People See Danger) \* *Proverbs 22:3*

**Bottom Line:** If you want to be wise, look before you leap.

**Key Question:** What could keep you from being wise?

**Memory Verse:** "If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you." *James 1:5a (NirV)*

"Well, what a good-looking bunch of people we've got here! Good to see you all. August is already off to a great start!

"How many of you have heard of a guy by the name of Luke Aikens (*most likely no one has heard of him*)? Yeah, that's what I thought—not many if any of you. But I'm pretty sure you'll remember who he is after today!

Raise your hand if you could ever see yourself going skydiving? That's right, climbing in a perfectly good plane to around fifteen thousand feet and then jumping out and plunging toward earth! Who's up for that? (*Get response.*) Wow! What makes you even want to do that?!" (*Allow responses.*)

"Now, what if I asked those of you who wanted to go skydiving but added a twist—we're not going to use a parachute? Who is up for that? (*Look around.*) I didn't think so. But you know who is? This guy: Luke Aikens."

"Don't worry this ends well . . . But check out what happens when he jumps out of a plane at 25,000 feet!

**CG: Video of Luke Aikins Skydiving**

"Crazy, right? I'm glad he was okay but . . . *why would someone even think of doing that?!* Let me ask you a question: could there have been a different outcome to that daring feat? Absolutely . . . though we wouldn't be watching it, then. I'm sure that Luke Aikens knew when he jumped and plummeted toward earth aiming at a NET that there was a very real chance he could get seriously injured or even killed."

"We may not ever want to do something as insane as jump from an airplane without a parachute, but are there times when we do things without thinking about the consequences? You know what I mean, right? We get ourselves into something and all the sudden we have this moment where we're like, 'How did I get here? How did this happen?'"

"It can be quite easy to find ourselves doing something that brings us consequences that we never saw coming. It reminds me of a proverb that is in the Bible. If you're not familiar with what those are, the Bible includes an entire book in the Old Testament called 'Proverbs,' and it's a collection of wise sayings. Most of them were written by a king of Israel named Solomon. That's what we'll explore in today's episode. Let's take a look!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:24)**

“At the beginning of his reign, God came to Solomon. God told Solomon that he could have anything he wanted. Whoa! Now, in that situation, many people might ask for fame or fortune, but Solomon asked God for wisdom so that he could be a great ruler over God’s people. Pretty cool. And God was impressed by Solomon’s request and gave him wisdom well beyond his years. In fact, Solomon is often described as one of the wisest men to ever live. It was the result of that wisdom that led Solomon to write most of this collection of proverbs . . . wise sayings on how to live well.”

“In small group today, you will have the chance to talk about some of the scenarios from before if you’d like. But I would also love for you to discuss this important question:

**CG: Key Question Slide**

“**What could keep you from being wise?** What are the things or people or situations where you may decide you don’t want to make the wise choice? Think about that and talk about it with your small group. Before you head to group, let’s pray and ask God to give us wisdom and help us make the wise choice. Let’s take some time to worship God with our offering and our attention.”

**OFFERING TIME:**

**Homer Glen: Victor**

**New Lenox: Daniel**

**Orland Park: Michael and Valerie**

**CG: Picture of Child**

**CG: Kenyan Flag**

“Offering Time is important here in the Alley, because it gives you all an opportunity to worship God by giving your money generously. Here at *(your campus)*, we give our offering to help support *(your campus child)* in Kenya. Our offering goes to show kindness to them by buying clothes, and food, and other materials they may need. We have a picture of the Kenyan Flag where *(campus child)* lives! If you brought an offering today, you may place it in our Alley Offering Bin *(point children to location of bin)*

**CG: Alley Offering Bin JPEG**

...when the video plays. If not, that’s ok too. You can bring an offering next week. The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him...”

**CG: Offering Verse JPEG (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)**

*(Invite students to place their offerings in bin)*

**CG: Worship Experience (Runtime: 5:00)**

**SUPPLIES NEEDED: Origami Instructions (1 per student) and 1 sheet of paper (per student)**