

Alley Rundown - August 25-26, 2018

Bible Story: Don't Stop Believin' (Trust in the Lord) * *Proverbs 3:5-6 (1 Kings 10:1-10)*

Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, trust God to give you wisdom.

Key Question: Why can't you trust yourself to always make the wise choice?

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

"Hey there! Great to be with you again this week, right here in The Alley. Okay, so how many of you have ever hear a sound like this: (*imitating*) squeak sq-squeak sq-SQUEAK woo woo WOO!"

"You know what I'm saying, right? Okay, maybe not. Well, it was my car. I was driving along and (*Imitate the noise again.*) and then . . . nothing. The car stopped. I decided it would be best to consult my trusty mechanic . . . you know, Google . . . and then cross-referenced my car specialist . . . YouTube . . . and turns out that it wasn't that hard of a fix. Well, it wasn't *supposed* to be that hard of a fix. I thought, 'I can do this myself. No problem.' So I opened the hood and removed a few bolts, unclipped a few hoses, unplugged a few wires. And before I knew it . . ."

CG: Picture of disassembled car

"My car looked like this! I'm never getting this thing back together!"

(*Beat*) "Okay, okay, clearly I'm joking. But could you imagine?! There's not really any coming back from that one! Or imagine you had a little home remodel . . . patch some drywall, install a few cabinets . . . but the more you got into it, the more problems you found until your house looked like this!"

CG: Guttled house

"Ouch! Hard to bounce back from that!"

"Now those are some pretty dramatic examples, and sure, they're funny. In both of these cases, it would take a lot of extra time and, in some cases, extra money to fix the damage. But it's fixable. But what happens if we get ourselves into a situation where the damage could cost us even more? Or the damage was permanent? Is it possible to trust our own way so much that we get ourselves in a spot that we can't get out of? That's a big question. What's the solution here? Let's explore this a little more with the help of this week's episode. Take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:50)

"There are times when we will naturally make the right choice. But there are also times when our way is NOT the right way. In these moments, it is so important for us to be learning God's Word and to be surrounding ourselves with the right people, like we talked about last week."

'Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight, (NirV).'"

“That doesn’t mean that life will always work out right and that everything will be smooth sailing from here on out. But it does mean that more and more we are trusting God’s way, which is absolutely the best way. As you go to small group today, spend some more time discussing these scenarios. Or come up with your own! And I want you to think about this.”

CG: Key Question Slide

“**Why can't you trust yourself to always make the wise choice?** Sometimes we can, but are there times we need some help? Think about that on your way to Small Groups. You’ll have a chance to talk about that and more with your group, before you head out, let’s spend some time worshipping God with our offering and attention.”

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Mission of Hope JPEG

“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 Mission of Hope International where (*campus child*) goes to school! 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 INTRO (Runtime: 1:00)

CG: Wisdom Verses with Timer Videos #1-#6 (MAX Runtime: 3:30)

CG: Worship Experience OUTRO (Runtime :30)

NOTE: HAND OUT Bibles to students. Students will pair up and try to beat the clock by finding the Bible Verse on screen within the allotted time. If you only have 2 students, or an uneven number of students, you can join in on the competition! Students who find the verse will stand up and read it aloud for Alley Cash (\$2 each). Pause each video once the verse has been found.