

Alley Rundown-October 20-21, 2018

Bible Story: Sour Grapes (King Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard) • 1 Kings 21:1-19, 27

Bottom Line: Wanting what others have can make you miserable.

Key Question: What can you do when all you can think about is what someone else has?

Memory Verse: "Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15 NIV)

ANNOUNCEMENT: Alley After Hours

CG: Alley After Hours JPEG

Promo: "Alley After Hours is coming up on November 2nd! It is a great time, with lots of fun, food, games, and even some prizes! Don't miss it, and don't forget to invite a friend that has never been here before! Cost is only \$5!"

CONNECT TIME: This time is intended to break the ice with your group, and lead into the Rundown. Choose from the 2 below options, based on the size and dynamic of your group.

1. Just For Fun

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Ask** students to take turns answering the following questions without speaking.
- **Tell** them to use their heads as giant pens and spell their answers in the air or against a wall where everyone can see.
 - What is your favorite food?
 - Name an animal.
 - How many pairs of shoes are in your closet right now?
 - What is your middle name?
 - Name something red.
 - What is the date of your birthday?
- As time allows, **let** students come up with other questions that have a one-word answer.
- For variety, instead of using their head to write **have** them use their elbows or feet.

2. Get Your Head in the Game

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Ask** one of the students to begin the game by finishing the following sentence: "I went to my neighbor's house, and they had one fill in the blank." (example: swimming pool, puppy, x-box etc.)"
- **Tell** the next person to say, "I went to my neighbor's house, and they had one (*whatever was previously mentioned*) and two fill in the blank."

- **Continue** going around the circle as many times as possible until someone forgets or names the wrong item.

Wrap Up and Say:

“How many of the things mentioned in our game do you wish you had? *(Pause for response.)* If you’ve ever been envious of what someone else had, you probably know that the longer you think about it, the more miserable you feel. Jealousy, greed, and envy can rear their ugly heads at any time and make people do crazy things to get what they want. Today we’ll hear about someone who said, ‘I went to my neighbor’s house and they had a . . .’ Let’s get started with our talk today, and find out how that sentence ends. I can tell you this, though: it’s not pretty.”

Begin Rundown...

ALLEY CASH CALL: \$1 New Kids, \$1 Bible, \$1 Brought a First Time Guest, \$3 God Time Sheet

NOTE: Hand Out Alley Cash according to the above criteria.

“Hey everybody! Great to see you today. I loved watching that game. Well played! And thinking about that game, I have a question for you. Have you ever wanted something so badly that . . . well . . . you kind of lost your cool about it? Maybe you begged and pleaded with your parents. Or . . . maybe you even went this far . . . check this out!”

CG: Temper tantrums in stores video (Runtime: 2:00)

“That’s crazy, right? Okay be honest—how many of you have done that—even as a little kid? Come on . . . *(Pause for response)* I thought so. I have, too . . . last week. *(Pause)* No, just kidding, but I have before. I think all of us, whether or not we remember it, threw some temper tantrums that could have gone viral on YouTube.”

“Now, all of us have maybe wanted something from a store or something we saw on TV, but how about this? Have you ever wanted something that somebody ELSE has so badly that it totally ruins your day? Or puts you in a bad mood? Or makes you think less about what you already have?”

“Yeah . . . that can happen, right? We see something that somebody else has, and it just drives us wild! And when that happens, we can start to do some pretty crazy things. But I think that deep down we know that’s not the best way to respond. But maybe we’re just not sure how to respond when we want something that badly. When we have issues like that, the best place to turn is the Bible. Let’s check out this week’s episode!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 14:12)

“What about us? This seems extreme, right? Hopefully, we’ll never go as far as Ahab. But I can almost guarantee that you will face a time when you want something that someone else has. People have cool things, and it is natural for us to want those cool things for ourselves. Here’s the key, though: HOW you respond in those moments makes all the difference.”

“Do we lose our cools and throw tantrums about it and say things we can’t take back? Do we make life hard on the people around us because we act miserable, like Ahab pouting and refusing to eat dinner?”

Do we treat stuff like it is more important than the people in our lives who may or may not have anything to do with the fact that we don't have the latest and greatest thing?"

"As you go to small group today, think about this:

CG: Key Question Slide

What can you do when all you can think about is what someone else has? Think about the times when you've struggled with wanting what someone else had. How did you respond? How could you have responded? This question could be answered all sorts of ways, and you'll have a chance to do that in Small Group. Before we head there, though, let's pray and ask God for some help. Because the truth is that our source of contentment is God. He's the One who can change our attitudes as we learn to trust Him no matter what. Let's spending 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: Distance between Chicago and Nairobi 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 the distance between Chicago and Nairobi! That's seems like forever away, but when we give our offering, it's like we are reaching right into Nairobi to help out. 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 (Hebrews 13:16 NIV)

(Invite students to place their offerings in bin as Worship Experience Video plays)

CG: Worship Experience (Runtime: 5:00)

Supplies Needed: 1 Sheet of Paper (per student) and 1 pen (per student)

NOTE: For this Worship Experience, students will be given a sheet of paper and a pen. They will write "WANT" on one half of the paper, and "HAVE" on the other. They will make a list of things they want vs. things they have, all the while learning the power of worshipping God for the blessings He has already provided for them.