

Alley Rundown - February 16-17, 2019

Bible Story: Give a Little Bit (Feeding 5,000) • *John 6:1-13*

Key Question: What do you have that you can use to serve others?

Bottom Line: Use what you have to serve others.

Memory Verse: Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” Mark 9:35 (NIV)

ANNOUNCEMENT: SuperStart! Promo

“Hey Alley! Every year, we all gather together, fill up some buses, and head to an awesome overnight event called, ‘SuperStart!’. Fun, Friends, Worship, Faith, and Play! It’s all there! Take a look!”

CG: SuperStart! Promo (Runtime: 1:00)

CG: SuperStart! JPEG

“If you’re interested in going to this awesome event, talk to your parents about it, and make sure you take one of these postcards (*show postcard*) home with you today! It has all the information on it that you need. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible!”

Begin Rundown...

“Hey everybody! By show of hands, tell me how many of you are familiar with the organization called Compassion International? (*Pause for response*) A few of you, great! For those of you unfamiliar, it is an amazing organization whose mission is to release children from poverty in Jesus’ name. They are working on continents like Africa, South America, and Asia to help the spiritual, physical, social, and economic needs of kids.”

“Around three billion people live on less than \$2.50 a day, around the world. Individuals are expected to pay rent, buy food, and support their families every day on less money than your parents pay for your school lunch. Worldwide 600 million children live in extreme poverty, which is almost twice the population of the entire United States. This organization is working to address this massive problem.”

“Although global poverty has not been solved, Compassion International has worked tirelessly for over 65 years. A big part of Compassion is their child sponsorship program. Because of this program, kids have access to medical checkups, food, health/hygiene training, mentoring, and educational assistance, and they hear all about Jesus. And check this out: over 1.8 million children have been sponsored or supported through this program! Isn’t that amazing?!”

“I don’t know about you, but the impact of Compassion International in this world gets me really excited! At the same time, can I be honest for a minute? The mission of Compassion International is so big that sometimes I find it overwhelming.”

“If I were responsible for delivering kids from poverty all over the globe, I wouldn’t know where to start and would likely be curled up on the floor sucking my thumb. The SHEER MAGNITUDE of all the children in the world who need help is kind of scary. How could I make an impact on such a huge need? Where would I get the resources needed to help not only kids but also their families?”

“For me, this reaction is nothing new. This is often what I think about when I see a big need. But I imagine this might be your reaction as well. When we see homelessness in our city or kids with no friends or streets with dangerous reputations, we often do not respond with urgency to help. Rather, we tend to . . . well . . . do nothing because we don’t know where to start or how to help. I’m so excited you are here today because we are going to feast on an awesome true story. In the book of John, there was another young man who was

faced with a ginormous food shortage problem. However, instead of doing nothing, he took action to help. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:15)

"Isn't that wild? One thing I love about this story is the boy. The boy gave what he had, and Jesus used it to perform an amazing miracle. Nobody asked the boy to find 5,000 loads of bread and fish. Nobody expected this lunch to feed 5,000 . . . except Jesus."

"Sometimes serving people comes easy. Other times, it takes some thought. When you see a big need, it may look like an impossible situation, but when that happens, we want you to remember what happened when one small boy gave Jesus his lunch. Jesus used it to make an impact."

"Impossible. Big. Huge. Massive. These words and the scenes they describe shouldn't intimidate you from helping. Rather, think about what you have or what you can do to help! When the city park looks completely trashed, there is something you can do. When the food bank says they need more canned goods, there is something you can do. When you have mastered a subject like math and you see others struggling, there is something you can do. No matter how small it appears, offer what you have and see what God does with it."

"It could be time, money, friendship, or influence. Here's our Key Question for the week..."

CG: Key Question Slide

"What do you have that you can use to serve others? Big or small, God can use what we have to help point other people to Jesus. We just have to make the wise choice and offer what we have when the time comes. You'll talk more about it in Small Group, but before you head there, let's spend some time in offering and worship."

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 (Acts 20:35)

(Invite students to place their offerings in bin)

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

NOTE: Students will stand and dance along with the SuperStart! Amp Up Video