

Alley Rundown - February 2-3, 2019

Bible Story: Gotta Serve Somebody (Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet) • *John 13:1-17*

Key Question: Why should you serve others?

Bottom Line: Serve others because of what Jesus did for us.

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)

CONNECT TIME: This time is meant to engage your students, or "break the ice", and develop relationships within your time together.

What You Need: Black Sheet or Table Cloth (1 per campus)

What You Do:

- **Create** a curtained area by having two students hold the sheet so that the bottom edge is about two-feet off the floor.
- **Invite** someone to stand behind the sheet so that only his legs are showing from the knees down.
- **Whisper** an action for the student to act out using only his feet: "Foot Charades."
- **Challenge** the remaining students to guess what he's doing.
- **Allow** everyone to take a turn holding the sheet as well as doing a "Foot Charade."
- **Use** some of the actions listed below or let students come up with their own.
 - Limping
 - Walking on hot sand
 - Doing a happy dance
 - Ballet dancing
 - Itchy feet
 - Snow skiing
 - Stepping in gum
 - Kicking a ball
 - Jumping jacks
 - Walking in deep mud
 - Marching
 - Slipping on ice

What You Say:

"In our Bible story today, Jesus wanted to make sure the disciples understood something important. Oddly enough, He used feet to get His point across. Let's get started on our talk today to find out more!"

"Hey, hey, everybody. It's good to be here with some of my all-time favorites! And speaking of favorites, what are some of your favorite things to do for fun? (*Pause for response.*) Those are some really great favorites! Video games, sports, and so much more were mentioned. You know what was not mentioned? Getting sick! Why? Because getting sick is a LEAST favorite, am I right?"

"When I was about your age, there was a time where I got SO sick I had to stay home for two weeks. At first glance, it might sound nice missing ten days of school. Well, it's a lot less nice

when you've got a stomach virus and an ear infection at the same time. I was straight up miserable, and it was only compounded by my anxiety over missing SO much schoolwork. I was actively dreading going back to class and having to catch up on everything I missed . . . until someone came knocking at my door."

"A classmate of mine, someone to whom I had only rarely spoken to up to that point, had dropped by to hand off the classwork that I had been missing and then told me that she had been taking extra detailed notes during ALL of our classes so I wouldn't fall behind. I was honestly floored: here was a classmate that I BARELY knew, yet she was going out of her way to take diligent notes not just for ONE of my classes, but for EVERY SINGLE ONE? *Then* she hand-delivered them to me and sat with me while we wore hospital masks and explained the work in greater detail. Thanks to her service, I was able to come back to school after my illness and pick up like I had never been away."

"Now, this girl could have just said 'tough break' and let me come back to class and figure it out on my own, but she DIDN'T. She risked catching the same tummy bug when she opted to bring over my notes and explain what I missed. Even though it was burdensome and added to her workload, she did it anyways. Why on earth would she do that?"

"Come to think of it, why would anybody go out of his or her way to help someone else out? Serving others isn't always easy—sometimes you have to do something that's difficult or unpleasant. So why do it? If you have to put in the extra effort, is serving others REALLY worth the trouble? Why should you bother? Nobody likes extra work.

"It doesn't make sense at all, UNLESS you know about this one moment from Jesus' life. Let's hear about it in this week's episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:21)

"Let's not forget who Jesus was to His friends. He wasn't JUST their friend. He was their leader . . . their teacher . . . their Lord . . . the Son of God. The disciples followed Jesus to learn from Him and watch His actions. On this day, His actions and words spoke loudly and clearly. Jesus wasn't on earth to be served, but He chose to serve others even if it meant washing their nasty feet. This was His posture even though He is the one who deserves to be served. While the disciples were the ones who benefited from Jesus' service, they were NOT more important than Jesus, and neither are we."

"Jesus showed not only His friends this example of service, but He also showed us. Jesus is the one who died on the cross for OUR sins so we can have a relationship with God. This picture of service seems completely backwards when you stop to think about who Jesus is and what He did for us. But we're supposed to follow His example. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not suggesting this entire room needs to enter your school tomorrow morning wearing a robe and carrying some towels and clean water to scrub the dirt off your classmates' feet. But it does mean we can look to help others no matter how unpleasant, difficult, or time-consuming the task might be."

"It's a shift in your reason for doing things. When you and your mom help a stranger carry his groceries to their car, you're not doing it so they'll owe you one. When your elderly neighbor can't seem to make it out of the house to take care of her yard work, you don't offer to mow her lawn because she might pay you for your efforts. When you offer to scrub the toilet on cleaning day, you aren't doing it to impress your dad. You do it to serve."

“This begs the question why. As we head to our small groups this morning, chew on this question.”

CG: Key Question Slide

“**Why should you serve others?** What should compel you to go out on your way to lend a hand to help someone else? You’ll have some time in Small Group to talk more about that. Before you head there, 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: 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, sing and follow along to the motions of a worship song.