

Alley Rundown - June 15-16, 2019

Bible Story: Peaceful Easy Feeling (Don't Worry) • *Matthew 6:25-27*

Bottom Line: You can have peace because God is in control.

Key Question: How can you find peace even when life seems hard?

Memory Verse: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a, NIV

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Summer Jam PROMO Video

"Summer Jam is coming up, and we don't want anyone to miss it! Be sure you sign up at the Summer Jam booths outside today, if you haven't already!"

Begin Rundown...

"What's up, everyone? Have any of you ever worried about something? Yeah, me too."

Tell an age-appropriate story of a time when you worried about something.

"Is there anybody in this room who has ever worried like this? Maybe it wasn't (*your situation*), but maybe you were worried you wouldn't find new friends when you moved to this part of town. Maybe you worried about getting a passing grade on your science test. Maybe you worried it would rain at your swimming party. Maybe you are already worried about fitting in when school starts again at the end of the summer."

"If we pause to think, all of us worry about silly things throughout our day. I continue to worry about things like getting sick on vacation, heartburn from too much hot sauce, or pulling a muscle getting out of the car. I know . . . I'm getting old. But why? Why do we worry so much? And why does it seem like we worry over smallest things, especially when most of the time what we worry about never even happens? I managed to purchase both gaming consoles when I intended . . . they never ran out. Regardless, a small seed of worry managed to grow into panic and cold sweats. If it never happens, why do we give the worry so much credibility? A small seed of worry can destroy so much peace in our lives."

"But what if you don't need the worry in the first place? That's a good question—a question that needs a good answer. And to help us find that, let's take a look at this week's episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:41)

"God takes care of us. There is no point in worrying about the things we can't control. Rather, we can put our trust in the same God who created us with the details of our lives because He is the One in control. When we do this, we find something so much better than worry . . . we find peace. Peace is a fruit of the Spirit. It's something that we can experience as we follow Jesus with our lives. Peace means that we don't have to live walking around all of the time scared or worrying about what might happen."

"Rather than worrying and stressing, we can talk to God about what's causing us stress. He wants to hear from us. God knows everything and can do anything. Things may not always turn out the way you expect, but know this—God is always in control."

As we head into Small Groups today, I want everyone to think about this question . . .”

CG: Key Question Slide

“How can you find peace even when life seems hard? It’s important for us to begin understanding how we can respond when we start to worry. Because of Jesus, we don’t have to live our lives worried all of the time. He can give us peace. You’ll talk more about all of this in Small Group, but before you head there, let’s pray and spend some time in offering and worship.”

Lead your group in a prayer relating to the lesson today.

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Kenyan Facts

“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 some facts about Nairobi 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 follow along with the dance moves to a Summer Jam song, “Not the Same” by Northpoint.