

Alley Rundown - June 29-30, 2019

Bible Story: Kind & Generous (Good Samaritan) • *Luke 10:25-37*

Bottom Line: Be kind to everyone.

Key Question: How can you be kind even when it's 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...

"Hey everyone! Welcome back. I want to remind everyone this morning I wasn't always this old. Nope! There was a time I was your age long ago. And when I was about your age..."

(Share a personal story about a time when you didn't show kindness a generosity to someone you didn't know, or use the below story as an "Imagine If" example)

the Nintendo DS was all the rage. Now, I'm sure there are some of you out there who don't even know what the original DS looked like—after all, we're in the age of the Nintendo Switch now, and even the 3DS is almost a decade old at this point! For context, here's what I'm talking about."

CG: *original gray Nintendo DS image*

"Boxy, chunky, weighed about as much as a SUV . . . it looks like a relic of the past now, but trust me: they were all the rage. My friends and I all had one, and after school we would link them up and play some really intense games of Mario Kart."

"As you all know, Mario Kart can be an intense game—racing down the tracks, throwing green shells and bananas to slow people down, competing to be the fastest and the most skilled. My friends and I took this game VERY SERIOUSLY. Winners would have bragging rights until the next time we played, so you couldn't slack unless you wanted to hear about it all through lunch. One fateful day after the last bell had rung, my friends and I were sitting in the gym waiting for our parents to come pick us up, and we had just started up the game . . . when a new kid walked over to our group."

"This kid was new in school and didn't have a lot of friends yet. He came over to us and held up his DS and asked if he could get in on a round of Mario Kart. Now, we already had eight players ready to go, and bragging rights were on the line . . . if this kid wanted to play, one of us was going to have to give up his/her slot and sit this one out. Were we willing to take a step back and give this new kid, who none of us knew, the chance to play with us?"

"In this moment, we had a choice. We could tell the kid 'NO,' or one of us could have stepped aside to give the new kid a chance. Did we let the new guy play? (Pause for

response) *Ultimately, we did not let the new kid play! Why not? Nobody wanted to give up his or her spot for someone we didn't know.*"

Unfortunately, this was not my finest moment. When given the choice to show kindness to someone else, I opted out. In the moments of life when it's hard to show kindness, why do we often skip the opportunity? And is that something we should really be doing? Who exactly do we need to be showing kindness to? Those are some tough questions. Thankfully, Jesus wasn't shy about how He felt about this topic. The writers of the Gospels recorded what Jesus said and did when it came to showing kindness. Let's head to one of those moments now with the help of this week's episode. Take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:13)

"I love the story of The Good Samaritan because its message is for us as well. It's easy to choose kindness for those who belong in our circle of friends and family. But Jesus is pointing out that kindness should be for a much larger circle. God wants us to be kind to every single person we meet. I realize this is a difficult and even scary idea . . . but this is exactly what God asks of us. You should show people kindness not just when they're kind to you and not because they talk, think, or behave the way you do. But because God showed kindness to everyone when He sent Jesus to die for our sins.

Kindness is a fruit of the Spirit. When we trust Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit lives inside us and helps up Power Up in some amazing ways. We've already talked about love, joy, peace, and patience . . . but kindness is important, too! But we don't have to find a way to be kind all on our own. God can help us through His Holy Spirit."

"So Alley, what does this look like today? As we wrap up our time before Small Group, think about this question . . ."

CG: Key Question Slide

"How can you be kind even when it's hard? What does this look like? How can this be applied when school starts? These are tough questions to answer and even harder to live out. Thankfully, you have a Small Group Leader and some amazing friends to help you figure it out. Before you head to groups, let's pray and thank God for His kindness to us through Jesus and ask Him to help us show kindness to the people in our lives. Let's pray."

Lead group in a prayer related to the talk today, lead the Worship Experience, then dismiss them to small group.

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

Supplies Needed: Pens, Note Cards

NOTE: Students will write letters to the Mission of Hope children their campus sponsors in Nairobi, Kenya.

Dismiss to Small Groups