

Alley Rundown—November 15th, 2020

Today's Bible Story: Say Something (Jesus Heals 10 Men) • *Luke 17:11-19*

Today's Key Question: Why do people forget to say thank you?

Today's Bottom Line: Say thank you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever.* Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

OPENER (Start this Activity 5-10 Minutes before your Service start time)

Around the World Shout Out

“What’s going on, my people! Such a good day in store for you. And that day starts with . . . a challenge to get you thinking and moving. So this month is all about shouting out our gratitude. Hopefully you are learning to say thank you more and to BE thankful for more. But what if it is not as easy as just saying “thank you” in English? How many of you could say *takk?* Or *Merci?* It is a big wide world out there! And there are a lot of ways to say thank you! With that in mind, let’s play a game to get us started called, ‘Around the World Shout Out!’”

SLIDES: Around the World Shout Out

“In just a moment, I’m going to show you some slides on the screen. If you think you know which language/country the word is from, raise your hand. I’ll reveal the answers for each one. Here we go:

Hvala (HVAH-lah) [Croatian]
Dank u [Dutch]
Kiitos (KEE-tohss) [Finnish]
Merci [French]
Tualumba [Tonga]
ευχαριστώ (ef-hah-rees-TOH) [Greek]
Mahalo (ma-HA-lo) [Hawaiian]
Todah (toh-DAH) [Hebrew]
Grazie (GRAHT-tsyeh) [Italian]
Arigatō (ah-ree-GAH-toh) [Japanese]
Спасибо (spuh-SEE-buh) [Russian]
Gracias (GRAH-syahs) [Spanish]
Ngiyabonga [Zulu]
Takk (Tahk) [Norwegian]
Salamat (sa-LAH-mat) [Tagalog]
Asante [Swahili]

So great, right?! I love that our world is filled with such beautiful cultures!

“(After the game) Thank you for playing . . . or should I say *mahalo!* Now let’s stand and worship our amazing God together!”

Worship Video: Never Gonna Stop Singing

“Awesome job everyone! Glad to see you all here today. That was so much fun listening to that last game, and worshipping with you.”

“So how many of you have ever watched an award show on TV before? Like the Espys, the Teen Choice awards, the Grammy’s? Sure . . . there are quite a few of them. Those nights have some fun moments . . . the famous people dressed up, the music performances, the lights, the cameras . . . the night is just so big. Could you imagine actually being up there to receive an award? My biggest fear would be that I would forget to say thank you to someone.”

Act the below script out with your own personal flair.

“I want to thank my teammates, my fans, my friends, my cat and my dog, the mailman, and the Amazon delivery driver. I want to thank all of the teams I beat to get to where I am today. I want to thank my third-grade math teacher . . . who am I forgetting? *(Take out crumpled list from pocket.)* Oh well, I think that’s good. *(Pretend to walk off stage and then stopping like the thank you routine is done.)* And then you realize too late that you forgot to thank your mom or the rest of your family!”

“I don’t know about you, but when I watch those awards, I have to assume a lot people forget to include some people in their list of thanks that they should have remembered.”

“But wait a minute. That actually brings up a good question. Does it matter? I mean, what does it matter if you forget to say thank you to someone? In the case of the award show speech, those people did show gratitude to *some* people. And I’m SURE they’ve said thank you to people at some point in their life. And we have to imagine that when people do things for us, they must *know* that we’re thankful for what they’ve done for us or given to us. So just how ‘thankful’ do we need to be? Are we required to say thank you every time someone does something for us? That is a great question. And we have questions like this, it’s important to see what the writers of the Bible have to say about it. Remember, the writers of the Bible experienced the power of God first hand and were inspired to write them down so others could experience and learn from it, too.”

“Today, we head to the Gospels in the New Testament, specifically the Gospel of Luke. The writers of the Gospels wanted to make sure people know all about Jesus, His life, ministry, death, and resurrection. Throughout Jesus’ ministry, He would often do a lot of teaching, and with that came a lot of travel. Jesus’ hometown was in the region of Galilee, and He spent most of His time teaching in different places in Galilee. That’s what this week’s Episode is all about. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

“There is so much I love about this story. I love that Jesus finds Himself in a place that others would often avoid. I love that when healing the men, He didn’t do it instantly but required them to take some steps of faith to actually go first. But above all, I love that this story gives us a model for what it means to give thanks when something good happens in our lives.”

“One guy out of ten returned to say thanks. That tells us that maybe saying thanks isn’t as natural as we think it is. See, when we’re in the middle of a problem, that is all we can think about. It might not be as bad as something like leprosy, but maybe it is something really hard. All we want is a solution. All we want is for someone to swoop in and fix it. We would do anything! But then, when something in our situation does change, like when God does answer a prayer the way we hoped or when someone does help us out, what then? Do we just move on? Do we consider what was done for us? Do we go out of our way to say thank you?”

“Today as we wrap up our talk, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“Why do people forget to say thank you? What is it that causes us to forget? Is it intentional? Is there something else going on? It’s important for us to understand why we might forget in order to help us to remember. But as always, if you’re not sure how to answer that question, you’ll have a chance to talk about it more in Small Group. Before we head out, let’s pray and return our thanks back to God. Let’s ask for God’s help so we end up more like the one and less like the nine. Let’s pray.”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, prepare to lead the “All Together Activities” using the instructions on the attached sheet.