

Alley Rundown—November 29th, 2020

Today's Bible Story: I Could Not Ask for More (Lord's Supper / Last Supper) • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

Today's Key Question: What helps you remember to be grateful?

Today's Bottom Line: Get in the habit of being grateful.

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

Pre-Service Video: Shout-Out Showdowns (Weeks 1-4)

NOTE: Start this Video 10 Minutes before your Service Start Time

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: King of Glory

Close Worship Time in Prayer

“Hey, everyone! I'm so glad you're here today. This has been such a great month talking about gratitude. We've spent a lot of time talking about what it means to be grateful, how much we have to be grateful for, and how to adjust our attitude when we aren't acting so grateful. You know what, though, it's interesting that there are times of the year when it seems like we're really grateful for Jesus. When you think about that, what times come to mind?”

Pause for responses.

“Right! Maybe the the first one that came to mind is . . .”

AUDIO: “It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” clip

“Christmas! Most likely when Christmas comes, we will be reminded in many ways of how grateful we are that God sent Jesus into this world as a Baby in such a humble way, born at Christmas. At Christmas, we are grateful for Jesus!”

“And if it wasn't that, you might have thought about . . .”

AUDIO: “In Christ Alone” clip

“Easter weekend! When Good Friday comes, we remember what it means that Jesus gave His life on that cross for us but then on the third day proved His power over sin and death by raising again from the dead and coming out of the tomb. On Easter, we are grateful for Jesus!”

“Jesus isn't just someone we celebrate at those two times of the year, though, right? In fact, we don't need a major holiday to celebrate Jesus, but besides singing songs or praying, how can we even go about celebrating Jesus and remembering all that He's done for us in the past and continues doing for us right now? That is a good question. And when we have good questions like that, the first place we should turn is the Bible. After all, people had some incredible first-hand experiences with Jesus and wrote them down so everyone could know and understand what it means to follow Jesus. Let's head there now!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:30)

“It's easy for us only to focus on what Jesus has done for us at Christmas and on Easter. But as we can see in Jesus' own words the night before He went to the cross, Jesus has made a way, a rhythm for generations to come to remember what He has done. Maybe you haven't understood or even heard of communion before. Maybe you just haven't seen the big deal as to why our church does it. But I hope that now you can see how

Jesus Himself has given us a way to remember what He has done for us, and to remember all year long!”

“Today, as you go to groups, think about this question,

SLIDE: Key Question

“what helps you remember to be grateful?” Think about this a few ways. How do you remember to thank God for sending Jesus to rescue us? How do you remember to thank God for the way God works in our lives? And still, how are some ways you remember to be grateful to others for how they help you? Before we close our talk today, let’s take a moment to pray, remember Jesus’ gift for us, and thank Him for His amazing love. After that we’ll settle the Shout Out Showdown, and close our time together with some All Together Activities. Let’s pray!”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead the “All Together Activities” as detailed in the attached sheet.

CG: Shout Out Showdown Finale (Runtime: 2:00)