

## Alley Rundown—February 27th, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Anytime You Need a Friend (Jesus Heals Bartimaeus) • *Mark 10:46-52*

**Today's Key Question:** When has someone made time for you?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Make time to help others.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV)

**CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos**

**Supplies Needed: Note Cards and Pens**

"Hey, everyone! Glad to see you all here today. I see you made TIME to be here. Thanks so much for being on TIME. After all, we have a good TIME planned for us.

"Okay . . . I'm trying too hard. But seriously, have you ever thought about your TIME? Think about it. Every day we get a certain amount. Twenty-four hours, sure, but we're not really able to use all of that time for ourselves, right? A lot of our time gets taken up by sleep, school, meals, all sorts of stuff.

"I know—let's try something. Take moment to imagine an afternoon in your life. You have eight hours of time that you have to manage. Some of this time is already filled for you, but some of this time you can choose what to do.

"On the screen you will see a list of activities. If the activity is in red, you MUST put it on your list for the amount of time listed. However, the rest of the time is up to you to pick and choose. The only requirement is that the activities you choose must add up to eight hours in the end. If you have an activity that is not on the list, use the 'Other' and write it in. You can write down your list on these cards. We'll give you a couple of minutes to finish. Got it? Let's do it!

**SLIDE: Afternoon Activities**

*Pass out note cards and pens to everyone. Give a set amount of time to finish. At the end of the time, have them share with how they divided up their time. Take a few responses from each of the following questions.*

"Great. Let's hear from you. How did you divide your time? What were some of the challenges of trying to manage your time? Did you have any moments where you were torn and conflicted?

*Pause for responses and interaction.*

"Great thoughts. Thanks for playing along. Alright, so here's a test. When you look at your list, how much of your time involves helping or caring for someone else? This isn't a trick question. Maybe we chose to help a parent with cleaning up from dinner or vacuuming the living room. But activities like that might just feel like chores. The truth is that we can choose to spend our free time however we want to spend our free time. But I wonder: can we show actually how much we care about others by how we spend our time?

"The answer might seem obvious. Of course, we can show how much we care about others with how we spend our time. Yet maybe more often than not we choose to use our time to focus more on ourselves. How do we discover the ways we can use our time to show others that we care about them? And if we choose to use our time to help others, how do we choose which people get our attention?

"Those are good questions to explore when it comes to this idea of compassion.

They are questions that actually get answered through the life of Jesus and how He served others and showed them how much He cared. Let's check out one of these moments today.

"Today, we head to the book of Mark, one of the four Gospels in the New Testament that tell us all about the life of Jesus. Mark was one of the first followers of Jesus, but he wasn't one of the twelve disciples. He was a friend of Peter and he wrote down a lot of what Peter told him about Jesus' life. Mark shares a story that can help us address this idea of having the time to care for others. The event Mark records happened later in Jesus' ministry, when the crowds following Jesus had really grown. We saw this last week, but there were times when it seemed like everywhere Jesus went, people were surrounding Him to hear Him teach, to be healed, or to question Him. Jesus was a popular guy! And at this point in His ministry, getting near Him could be really hard. Let's jump into the story with the help of this week's Episode!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:00)**

"What a cool story! As you make time for others, it's important to remember that it's not bad to take time for yourself. Even Jesus took time to be by Himself, away from the crowds and alone with God. We need time to recharge and enjoy life. But as we follow Jesus, we'll find that helping others and showing them compassion can give us life, too! There are so many creative ways to show compassion by making time for others. Ask God to help you see all of the needs around you and to have the courage and initiative to act!

"Sometimes we need to remember how others have made time for us to realize how we can make time for others. So, as you head to Small Group, take some time to think about this question:

**SLIDE: Key Question Slide**

**"When has someone made time for you?** When people have made time for you, how did it make you feel? How does their example help you think about the way you will make time for others? Good things to think about, for sure! I can't wait for you to get to groups to share more about the ways people have helped you. You'll also have a chance to brainstorm all sorts of ways you can use your time to show compassion to others. Before you head out, let's pray and thank God for showing compassion to us and sending Jesus to be our Savior. Let's pray."

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead offering and dismiss kids to Small Group.*

#### **OFFERING:**

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here's a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering you can bring it up now as we dismiss to Small Groups.

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri, New Lenox: Daniel, Homer Glen: Victor