

Alley Rundown—July 10th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Good Vibrations (City on a Hill) • *Matthew 5:14-16*

Today's Key Question: How can you show God's goodness to others?

Today's Bottom Line: Show God's goodness to others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.* Philippians 1:6 (NIRV)

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Supplies Needed: Marker and Sheet of Flip Chart Paper/White Board

"Hello, everyone! Now, we know that there are good things in this world and bad things in this world, right? And strangely enough, sometimes those things are different to different people. Some people might think that pepperoni on a pizza is a good thing . . . while others might think pepperoni is gross and a bad thing!

"I'll put it to all of you: what is a 'good thing'? And think beyond food. Of all the things in this world, what are some of the 'good' things?"

Make a list on the flip chart paper with suggestions from the group. Comment on them and affirm their ideas.

"That's actually a pretty 'good' good list. Ha! See what I did there?"

"Before we move on, think about this list to yourself. Don't answer out loud or raise your hands, but think about it. How many of these good things do you practice? What are the good things that you are adding into this world?"

"We all know that we'd rather be 'good' than 'bad,' right? We usually try to avoid the bad stuff, right? We hope to fill our lives with good: good grades, good friends, good times, and yes, good food. But if we're honest, we probably don't always choose the good, wise things, do we?"

"But if you're anything like me, you want to figure out how to make the wise choice, choose what's good, and show God's goodness to others. But how we do that when it's so easy to make a bad choice? How can make sure goodness is part of our life?"

"All good questions. And when we have questions, one of the first places we should check out is the Bible. In the Bible we can find all sorts of wisdom from people who experienced God in their lives and were inspired to write what they learned so we can have a relationship with God and learn the best way to live. Let's check out a few verses where Jesus talks a bit about this idea of goodness."

"Today we head to the book of Matthew, written by . . . yes, a guy named Matthew! Matthew was one of Jesus' first disciples. He captured some of the amazing things Jesus did and said when Jesus was on earth! Let's take a look with the help of this week's Episode!"

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Open the Bible to Matthew 5:14-16 (NirV) and read.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill can’t be hidden. Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Friends, God made you to shine. You weren’t made to hide. Jesus was saying that if you live your lives HIS way, it’s like a light brightening up a whole house. It’s like a town, a city, a beacon on a hill. We’re shining a light for the whole world to see.

“Unlike what we saw with the character trying to hide the accident from his or her parents, that light shines brightest when you’re honorable and true in everything that you do. And God’s Spirit totally helps with this! With God’s Spirit, we can show off our bright goodness in our own unique way. We may not always get it right . . . we’re human, after all, and we mess up a lot . . . but when we come together and show God’s goodness, we get to show people how much God loves them.

“And THAT will make all the difference in the world.

“I mean, think about it. How different would the world be if everyone decided to share a bit of goodness?”

“As you head to your Small Groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“[Key Question] How can you show God’s goodness to others? Think about situations where you could shine a bit of light or times when you could change a tense atmosphere with a little bit of goodness. How can you act, what things could you say, or what things could you do to show God’s goodness? You’ll discuss this further in your Small Groups, but right now, let’s pray and ask God to help us see how we can shine our lights and share Jesus’ love with the world. 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:

As you may know, all this Summer we are raising money to dig water wells in the Country of Malawi. When you bring your offering in, not only are you showing God’s goodness, but you are also helping many people in Malawi to have clean water to drink and cook with. So, if you brought offering today, you can bring it up now!

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