

## ALLEY Rundown – April 15-17, 2023

**Today's Bible Story:** Brother (Being Humble Like Jesus) • *Philippians 2:3-8*

**Today's Key Question:** What are some ways you've put others first?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Put others first because Jesus put you first

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3, (NirV)

### SLIDE: Theme

"What's up, everybody? I'm really glad to see so many of you here today. As we get started, let's play a quick game called 'What Would They Do?' I need one brave volunteer to come to be the contestant. Anybody want to give it a try?"

*Leader calls up one kid to play the game. Leader hands the volunteer a dry erase marker and board.*

"To play our game, I will ask the audience a question. The audience MUST answer the question as honestly as they can. Our brave volunteer will have to write down how they think MOST of the audience will answer. Once our volunteer has written down their answer, we will poll the audience. Any questions? (Allow response) Great! Let's get to it."

*Leader asks a series of questions centered on putting others first. Leader gives the kid a brief moment to write down an answer they think the crowd will favor.*

*Questions could include:*

- *What's easier: eating all the leftover Easter candy yourself or giving it away?*
- *Your favorite show has new episodes available. So does your brother's. Do you watch yours first or allow your brother to put his on first?*
- *What would you prefer: getting in line for pizza first or allowing the new kid to go first?*
- *If you were given the last brownie and your sister wants it, would you split it with her or ignore her?*
- *You're saving your money for that brand-new, super-cool video game, but your buddy needs to borrow a few bucks at the baseball game. Do you share the dollar or hope someone else has some money?*

"Great job to our audience and volunteer. The game was more difficult than I anticipated. The audience didn't answer each question like I thought they would! Our volunteer did a great job trying to anticipate what the audience would say!"

"Can we all be honest for a moment? Putting others first isn't easy! Each of you felt the tension and difficulty when faced with the various situations. When there is only one brownie left, it would be really, REALLY hard for me to give it up to someone else! When you're saving your money for something special, the last thing you'll want to do is give money away."

"Why is it so hard for us to put others first? Why is it difficult to let go of the things we want to put others first?"

First of all, if you struggle with this, you're in good company. This is something I have a hard time doing from time to time. But if we want to follow Jesus with our lives, it's something we should really think about. Thankfully, the writers of the Bible have a lot to say about humility and help remind us why it's so important. Let's head to one of those passages now in the So and So Show"

**VIDEO: The So and So Show 13:00**

"I want to highlight one verse Paul wrote to the church of Philippi. In Philippians 2:5, Paul said,

*Open the Bible to Philippians 2:5 (NIRV) and read.*

*"As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did."*

"In our world, many want to shoot the ball like Curry or dance like Misty Copeland or YouTube like Mr. Beast. But Paul was calling all of us to model our lives after Someone much different—Jesus! Every day, we can look for opportunities to set aside the things we want in order to put others first just like Jesus!"

"To live a life reflecting Jesus requires all of us to rely on God's help. We need God's creativity and strength to put others first! As we prepare to head to small groups, I want you to noodle on this one question:

**SLIDE: Key Question**

**"What are some ways you've put others first?"** It could have been spotting your buddy a dollar for the vending machine, letting your kid brother borrow your baseball bat, or opening the door for a guest this morning at church. You'll talk more about these examples with your small groups! Before we leave, let's pray together and ask God to give us the creativity and strength to put others first!"

*Leader leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. Then talk about offering.*

**OFFERING:**

We are giving our offering to our friends in Mexico through an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries. Unfortunately, many families in Mexico don't have enough money for food or education. Vida Nueva Ministries is dedicated to overcoming poverty through education. Here is a picture of one of their amazing teachers.

**SLIDE: Teacher in Classroom**

Vida Nueva has built an entire set of schools in the city of Piedras Negras, where kids of all backgrounds can come and learn. They also receive meals and hear about Jesus. Isn't that great? So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!

"Great job! As you head to small groups, think about that Key question: What are some ways you've put others first? See you next week!"