



# Treasure Cove Ride Home Review

A family discussion guide for the ride home and all week long

Even when it's 'Not Fair!' joy is there! January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Philippians 1:7-18; Romans 8:28;

## #1 Casting off – Ahoy Treasure Cove families!

Last Sunday in Treasure Cove we talked about happiness and joy. Happiness is determined by our circumstances, while joy transcends our circumstances, and the reason it transcends our circumstances is because a joy-filled life comes from a God-filled life. Joy is a state of the heart that knows that no matter what is happening, God is working all out for the good of those that love Him (Romans 8:28).

This morning we talked about the times in our lives when things are 'Not Fair!' What we have to remember is, if God promises that He is working all things out for the good of those that love him (and He DOES promise that—Romans 8:28), then we can have a perspective shift and instead of asking if this is 'not fair' or not, ask,

*“How can God use this circumstance in my life to show others the love of Jesus? How can Jesus advance His Kingdom in me through this situation?”*

Paul was chained night and day to Praetorian Guards; men that would one day go on to greatly influence and affect their culture. Six hours a day these men were exposed to Jesus through Paul! **Instead of lamenting his situation, Paul chose joy and the Kingdom was advanced!**

Because God is working all things out for good for those that love Him, we can journey with joy seeing every circumstance through the eyes of 'How can Jesus use me to be His light?'

**#2 Review-** The castaways learned that even though things are NOT fair, joy is still there!

**What does One Eyed Jack think would make him happy? (Respect!)**

**What danger did the Castaways face? What wasn't fair? (One Eyed Jack demand that if they didn't respect and worship him, he would take their 'most prized possessions')**

**How did the Captain help shift their perspective? (He reminded them that When bad things happen to us, God is so big and powerful, He can make those bad things into good things. Knowing that He's doing that ... fills us with joy!)**

## #3 Talk about it!

What circumstance has 'not been fair' lately?

Do you see an opportunity for a perspective shift in that circumstance, from moaning & groaning to seeing how God could show His love?

## #4 Get directions from God's Word every day!

Hey kids, **look up and read each day's scripture passage.** Ask your parents to sign their name and write in their phone number confirming you read the week's verses. Put your name on your paper and turn it in next Sunday. Pastor Marcus will schedule a time to meet with you to hear about what you read and shares some ice cream with you!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday    | Philippians 1:7-18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday   | Romans 8:28        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday | Psalms 9:2         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday  | Jeremiah 29:11     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday    | Romans 5:3         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday  | Proverbs 29:6      |

Child's Name & Parent Signature: