

Treasure Cove Ride Home Review

A discussion guide to use on the ride home from church and all week at home Choosing what is right! February 2, 2014

Matthew 6:33—"The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you."

*# 1 Fuel Up – Good morning and welcome to Treasure Cove!* 

The Apostle Paul teaches us that living a Christian life, a life following Jesus, is like running a race. In order to win, you have to prepare and you have to use the right equipment like good running shoes. But probably the most important thing about running a race is knowing where it ends and keeping your focus on the finish line.

Runners have to keep looking towards the finish line, if they want to win a race. Runners who turn around or slow down and look at the distractions around them can fall or have other runners pass them up. A runner won't win if they aren't focused on running and looking for the correct finish line.

To live out our Christian lives, we need to keep our attention on the race we're called to run; we need to keep our eyes on Jesus. The life Christ lived is our goal, our finish line. We need to keep our lives moving towards the example he lived out for us. This means when we do find ourselves distracted and looking around as we make decisions in life, we need to get our focus back on the goal, we need to look to Jesus for guidance.

As we "train" for the race of life and keep our focus on Jesus we will keep him first in all that we do. Then we will continue to grow closer to

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him and experience the joy that comes from pleasing God. We will discover what it feels like to be winning the race of life!

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Don't forget to ask for DirectionsImage: MondayPsalm 16:7-11Image: TuesdayIsiah 40:29-31Image: WednesdayHebrews 12:1Image: Thursday1 Cor. 9:24-25Image: Triday2 Cor. 4:18Image: Saturday1 Peter 2: 21-23

## #2 Look, Listen & Learn

Hello! Want to watch the Treasure Cove Drama online or catch a week you missed? Please visit the church website at <u>www.nfcnaz.org</u> to learn more. Here are a few questions about this week's show.

What 'little message' does Mrs. Stifleman tell us the sun brings us every day? (She says it is amazing how the sun brings light and warmth to a needy world day after day.)

Why does the Professor want to quit looking for Pepper? (He's a little tired and he's afraid he might find Blackbeard the Pirate instead.)

What does Paulie suggest the Professor do to help them find Pepper? (She suggests that the Professor pray and ask God to help them.)

What does Delbert want to do to help the Captain? (He wants to free him from the ropes that have him tied up.)

What does Delbert want to use for this? (A chainsaw.)

## #3 Discuss

What is your favorite physical activity?

Would you like to run a race? Why or why not?

What are some things that can distract your or prevent you from doing the 'right thing'?

How do you want God to help you do what He wants you to do?

# 4 Go – You may not be a runner, but runners and running items, including running shoes, can be seen almost everywhere. This week have your family members pay attention to how often they notice something that has to do with running. You don't need an actually tally, just notice what you see and use this as a conversation starter to discuss how what you see can remind you to keep your eyes on Jesus as you run through the race of life together.