



Treasure Cove Ride Home Review

A discussion guide to use on the ride home from church and all week at home

First Things First!

May 4, 2014

Matthew 22:37-39—“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

1 Fuel Up – Good morning from Treasure Cove! We are happy to be back after enjoying our Easter Celebrations. For the next few weeks we will focus on the greatest commandment and learn more about what it means to love God and others the way He commands.

Jesus was asked which of the 10 Commandments was the greatest. He summed up all 10 explaining that when we love the Lord with all our heart, mind, and soul; and we love our neighbors as we love ourselves, we fulfill all of God’s laws.

Putting God first in our lives and loving our neighbors isn’t always easy for us, especially when the people God wants us to love aren’t even people we want to be our neighbors. But God wants us to be more like Jesus; He wants us to care for everyone, not just our family, friends, and the people who are like us.

Sometimes when we try to love others and put their needs ahead of our own it seems like an impossible task. It seems impossible because trying to love others without relying on God to help us is impossible! We just can’t love others the way God wants us to without His help.

It is only when we rely on God’s strength, God’s love in us, that we are empowered to love others the way we love ourselves. And it’s only when we can love others like that, just like Jesus loves them that we are loving God with all our heart, mind, and soul and putting our faith into action!

Don’t forget to ask for Directions

- Monday Exodus 19:1-20
- Tuesday Leviticus 19:18
- Wednesday Joshua 22:5
- Thursday Luke 18:25
- Friday Matthew 25:40
- Saturday Romans 13:9

#2 Look, Listen & Learn

Hello! Want to watch the Treasure Cove Drama on-line or catch a week you missed? Please visit the church website at www.nfcnaz.org to learn more. Here are a few questions about this week’s show.

Who is missing after the tsunami? (Mrs. Stifleman, Esmerelda, Samson, and the three pirates.)

Who does Goober want to find and help? (He wants to look for everyone who is missing.)

Why doesn’t the Professor want to help find the Pirates? (He doesn’t like them because they are robbers and he only wants to help people he likes.)

How was Esmerelda rescued? (Mrs. Stifleman pulled her into her raft.)

Where is Esmerelda going and who is she taking with her? (She is looking for treasure and she isn’t taking anyone with her because she doesn’t want to share.)

Who else doesn’t want to share the treasure they are seeking? (One-Eyed Jack and Pepper the Pirate.)

#3 Discuss

Has someone ever been a good neighbor to you?

Explain.

Why do you need God to help you love others?

What kind of neighbor are you?

Is there someone God wants you to be a good neighbor to this week?

4 Go – Spend some time praying about and discussing ways your family might put faith into action and show others you love them. Maybe a classmate needs a friend or there is a missions group you want to support. You might also think about doing a service project in your neighborhood or just taking some cookies to someone you know is struggling right now.

After you come up with a few ideas, as a family decide what you will do during the month to love others as you love yourself. Pray about what you choose and then follow through on your actions. Then wait and see how God fills you up with His love and works in whatever you do for Him.