Discussion Questions Course 207-2

Large Group

- 1. If you were here last time, why did Joy, Chris and Gizmo travel with Chris' parents to another country?
- 2. Do you believe that our lives will always be free of trouble once we decide to follow Jesus?
- 3. How would you feel if you were arrested on false charges?
- 4. What does "reap" mean?

Small Group

Game

1. Who remembers the name of the island where Paul came ashore after the shipwreck?

Teaching

- 1. If you are doing something good but no one seems to notice or care, is it easy or hard to keep going? Why?
- 2. Can you reap fruit or vegetables right after you plant the seeds?
- 3. As our SuperVerse says, we will reap a harvest of blessings at just the right time! What are some of God's blessings?

Discipleship Challenge

- 1. Who can tell me the first four books of the New Testament?
- 2. What is the name of the next book?
- 3. One of those apostles is Paul! And the next books of the Bible are letters that he wrote, which we call epistles. Can anyone name them in order, from memory?

SuperVerse

- 1. First of all, the verse tells us not to grow tired of doing what?
- 2. In other words, don't give up! Now, what does it mean to reap? And what will we reap?
- 3. Does the verse say at just the right time, maybe we will reap blessing?
- 4. Okay, how about this—there is a small chance we will reap a harvest if we don't give up?

Prayer

1. Let's do what this verse tells us to do—to think of ways that we may be able to motivate and encourage others to love and do good things for God and others. What are some ideas you have?

Additional Activities

Object Lesson/Craft

- 1. Have you ever planted seeds in a garden? What type did you plant?
- 2. The next day after you planted the seeds, did you find the fruit, vegetables or flowers growing tall and in full bloom?
- 3. Remember all of the hardships that Paul experienced. Did he give up?

Balloon Game

- 1. Was it difficult to see that others did not have to do a good thing as long as you?
- 2. How did it feel to not know how long you must do the good thing?
- 3. Did it help to know you would be rewarded at the end of the time?

Bible Study

Hebrews 13:16

- 1. What good thing does this verse tell us to do?
- 2. What are some things we have that can be shared?
- 3. How can sharing what you have be a sacrifice?
- 4. Why can sharing be hard sometimes?
- 5. Have you ever shared something that you didn't want to, but you did because you felt God wanted you to? Explain.

Matthew 25:35-40

- 1. Who is talking in these verses?
- 2. Who are we really helping, when we help those who are less fortunate?
- 3. Name some things listed in these verses that you can do now, with help from parents or other adults.
- 4. In verse 40, what do you think "the least of these My brothers and sisters" means?

Philippians 2:4

- 1. What do you think the word "interests" means in this verse?
- 2. What are some ways we can we show interest?
- 3. When we show interest and concern for others, how is that a good thing—how can it help them?
- 4. When we are only concerned with our life and what is important to us, what can that show to others?

Psalm 34:12-15

- 1. According to verse 12—if we do the good things listed here, what can we enjoy or receive?
- 2. What is the good thing we can do in verse 13?
- 3. In verse 14, what are we to do with evil things?
- 4. In verse 14, what are we to do instead?
- 5. In verse 15, what is a benefit we receive from doing right? In other words, what blessing do we reap, as our SuperVerse says?

Luke 6:35

- 1. Are we only to do good things for people we like; such as for our friends or family? Why is that difficult?
- 2. How hard is it to lend something without expecting to be repaid?
- 3. Can we do it on our own; if not, whose help do we need?
- 4. What is the promise to us, what is the blessing? How is this like our SuperVerse?