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YouthBytes is a simple, yet effective tool in the hands of those who have a passion to reach and teach this generation. The Episode Guide is designed to help you implement YouthBytes into your particular setting at whatever level you choose: from a full meeting schedule to just a small video to enhance your meeting. We encourage each worker to add his or her own stories, experiences and illustrations to make your particular scenario work. The discussion questions are also just a starting point and we encourage each group to go further and deal with local issues and topics that might be relevant.

Each YouthByte Episode will include :

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We look forward to getting your feedback and comments for these Episode Guides. Also let us know what subjects you would want new YouthBytes to cover. As always, testimonies are welcome. Comments, ideas, and testimonies can be sent to feedback@youthbytes.org.

Disc 8 ~ Final Destination Navigation



Video Summary

A compass is a delicate instrument – it will always point north except when other magnetic pulls are nearby. This episode deals with the forces in your life that pull you away from a true course after God. It also deals with those things that influences your conscience and causes you to lose your way? If you follow your map and use your compass wisely, you might find treasure like Chad does in this episode.



Icebreaker ~ A Blonde Painting a Porch

A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type and started going around a wealthy neighborhood asking for jobs. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do. "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?"

The blonde said, "How about \$50?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders that she might need were in the garage. A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already?" he asked.

"Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats." Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50.

"And by the way," the blonde added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."



Primary Lesson ~ Learning to follow the conscience God has given you

This lesson uses the delicate instrument of a compass to teach about the importance of listening to your conscience. The needle of a compass should always point True North, except when a stronger magnetic field is influencing it. This episode encourages young people to get rid of all exterior pulls in their lives that take them away from following God's true course. Discover the compass of your conscience that God has given you. It will lead you to for an even greater treasure and source of direction from heaven!



Facts, Figures & Illustrations

A compass in the Northern Hemisphere truly does point in a northerly direction, but not to the North Pole. Instead, the compass points to the North Magnetic Pole, which, as Sir James Clark Ross discovered in 1831, is located at the northernmost point of the Arctic coast of North America. Similarly, a compass in the Southern hemisphere always points to the South Magnetic Pole, which is firmly planted south of Australia, in Antarctica. In the south, compass needles actually do point true South, to the South Magnetic field.

- During midsummer, the radical leaves of the compass plant invariably point precisely north and south.
- The rings of a tree are always farther apart on the tree's southern side. Woodsmen often read tree rings to find the compass points.
- Honeybees navigate using the Sun as a compass, even when it is hidden behind clouds - they find it via the polarization of ultraviolet light from areas of blue sky.
- Women navigate by landmarks and visual memories. Men navigate by direction and distance, and tend to be better at reading maps.
- According to Aristotle, wind direction determined whether a baby would be a boy or a girl.

Source: Outdoor Adventures Network (http://www.myoan.net/facts/facts_compass.html)



Key Scriptures (From New King James Version, unless otherwise noted)

1 Peter 3:15-16 ~ *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.*

Romans 9:1 ~ *I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,*

1 Timothy 4:1-2 ~ *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.*

Hebrews 9:14 ~ *how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*



Discussion Questions

1. Write down and discuss the three strongest pulls in your life that try to get you off track in your relationship with God. Specifically, what distracts you from having personal prayer, worship or devotional times?
2. Think and discuss one area that used to bother your conscience but now does not bother you as much. Has it been good or bad to have this change?
3. Read Psalm 51, King David's prayer of repentance after he committed adultery and murder. What is the significance of David praying "...renew a right spirit within me..." in relation to our conscience?
4. Pray with each other that God will wash your consciences with the blood of Jesus and make your conscience tender and sensitive again.



Complimentary Story ~ Gandhi and Candy

The following story is of the great spiritual leader of India, Mahatma Gandhi. Though he was not a Christian, he taught many principles about life that are based in wisdom.

Gandhi was visited by a very worried mother. She had an elementary-age boy who would eat large amounts of candy and sweets whenever his mother was not looking. She would hide the candy but the boy would find it and even get candy from relatives and neighbors. He would not listen when his mother told him how bad the candy was for him, how it would destroy his teeth and his health. Finally in desperation, she thought of taking him to see the famous Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhi was a living legend, hugely respected in all of India at that time. The mother knew if Gandhi told the boy to stop eating candy, he would certainly listen. It took her three days of standing in a very long line to get an audience with the great leader. When she finally saw him, she told him her problem. "Please," she said, "will you simply tell my son to stop eating candy. I know he will obey you."

Mr. Gandhi looked up at her and quietly said, "Lady, please come back and see me in two weeks." The mother left looking confused, not understanding why, after waiting three days in line, she would need to come back. Although puzzled, she did not dare question the wisdom of this revered man.

Two weeks later, she patiently waited three days in another long line and finally received a second audience with Mahatma Gandhi. She brought her boy forward to the great leader and again presented her story and request. Gandhi looked the young boy sternly in the eyes. "Young man, I want you to stop eating candy," he said. The boy looked wide-eyed at the great leader, then bowed down and said, "Yes sir. I will not eat candy anymore."

As the mother and boy were leaving the room, the mother turned back with a question that was bothering her. "Mr. Gandhi, sir," she said, "why did I need to wait again in that long line a second time? Why did you not tell my son to stop eating candy two weeks ago?" Gandhi looked up at the woman and said with a twinkle of wisdom in his eye, "Lady, it took me that long to stop eating candy myself."