

**THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS WHAT THIS YEAR'S THEME IS BASED OFF OF:**

***DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT IN A RACE ALL THE RUNNERS RUN, BUT ONLY ONE GETS THE PRIZE? RUN IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GET THE PRIZE. ~1 CORINTHIANS 9:24***

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) WHAT IS THE BEST PRIZE YOU'VE EVER WON?
- 2) WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE TO DO IF YOU WERE PLANNING TO RUN A MARATHON? BE SPECIFIC.
- 3) WHAT WOULD BE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE YOU'D FACE IN RUNNING A MARATHON?
- 4) WHAT ARE REASONS PEOPLE RUN MARATHONS?
- 5) IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT PEOPLE RUN MARATHONS TO FINISH, NOT NECESSARILY TO WIN. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE?
- 6) IN THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE, PAUL WAS ENCOURAGING THE CHURCH IN CORINTH TO STAY FIRM IN THEIR FAITH AND HOW THEY LIVED AS CHRISTIANS. WHAT PRIZE DID PAUL SAY THE CHRISTIANS WOULD EARN?
- 7) IS IT HARD OR EASY FOR YOU TO STAY FOCUSED ON LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE? WHY?
- 8) IS IT EASIER FOR YOU TO MAINTAIN A TRAINING PLAN TO RUN A PHYSICAL MARATHON OR A SPIRITUAL MARATHON?
- 9) WHAT SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE(S) DO YOU NEED TO PRACTICE TO BE READY TO SERVE AT ASP?
- 10) IF YOU THINK OF OUR WEEK AT ASP AS A MARATHON RACE, WHERE IS THE FINISH LINE?
- 11) WHAT IS THE PRIZE AWARDED BY SERVING WITH ASP OR SERVING IN GENERAL?
- 12) HOW WILL YOU ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE?