

Season 3

Episode 13: The Man From Tallahassee

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Episode Information:

Ben tries to talk Locke out of his destructive plan by offering him some island secrets. Meanwhile, Kate's reunion with Jack does not go off as planned when she discovers he has made a deal with the Others.

New Characters:

- Mrs. Talbot - Anthony Cooper's Fiancé - Flashback off Island
- Peter Talbot - Mrs. Talbot's Son - Flashback off Island
- William Kincaid - Physical Therapist - Flashback off Island
- Detective Mason - Police Detective - Flashback off Island
- Detective Reed - Police Detective - Flashback off Island
- Ryan Pryce - One of the Others - On Island

Overall Episode Discussion Theme:

- "The Man From Tallahassee" deals primarily with Locke's susceptibility to manipulation. In this particular lesson we will be focusing on Locke in the context of how influences affect him emotionally, physically, spiritually.

Key Show Facts:

- Kate and Sayid are captured when attempting to rescue Jack.
- Locke makes contact with Ben Linus - revealing that he's not there for Jack.
- Sayid reveals to Alex that her mother is alive.
- Ben continues to stand by his promise that Jack and Juliet will be aided in leaving the island.
- Locke destroys the others submarine.
- Flashbacks reveal more about Locke's past including insight into what events led to the injury that took away his ability to walk.

Time for speculation on the show – Sample Topics

- Would Ben have really let Jack and Juliet go?
- How do you think Alex is feeling - after Sayid mentioned that her mother is alive?

If you could look back on last week's show and plan this lesson... what would you focus on?

Review: What do we know about Locke?

Scripture: **John 13: 1-2 (The Message)**

"Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end. It was supertime. The Devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal."

- What does the teaching mean to you?
 - What is the main theme/point of the passage?
 - What advice does it give?

Clip 1 – Life – 13:52 – 15:55 – "You're conning her aren't you?"

- What are some free association words that come to mind when you hear the word "influence"?
- What is influence?

- Definition: **in-flu-ence** - *noun*
dictionary.com

1. the capacity or power of persons or things to be a compelling force on or produce effects on the actions, behavior, opinions, etc., of others.
2. the action or process of producing effects on the actions, behavior, opinions, etc., of another or others.
3. a person or thing that exerts influence.

- What is manipulation?

- Definition: **ma-nip-u-late** - *adjective*
urbandictionary.com

1. When someone tries to get you to do something or say something by making you feel guilty.
2. making something do what it wouldn't ordinarily do by itself.

dictionary.com

1. to manage or influence skillfully, esp. in an unfair manner.
2. to adapt or change to suit one's purpose or advantage.

- Is there a difference between manipulation and influence?

- Can manipulation be bad/good?
- Can influence be bad/good?

Clip 2 – Life – 35:11 – 36:46 – “I’m a con man, not a murderer.”

- Was John Locke influenced by his father or manipulated?

- John Locke has been manipulated by his father on several occasions
 - What are some examples of places in your life where you feel you have been...
 - Influenced?
 - In these examples was the influence good or bad?
 - How so?
 - If they were good
 - What made you accept the influence?
 - If they were bad
 - What made you succumb to the influence?
 - Manipulated?
 - What factors allowed you to be manipulated?
 - ex. Pressure to fit in? Curiosity?

- How could Locke have handled the situation with his father better?

- Why did Locke warn his father of Peter Talbot’s suspicion?
- Why didn’t Locke turn his father in to the detectives?

- Is his father still manipulating him?

- Does Locke still hope for Anthony’s affection?
 - Why?

- What does this tell us about influence and manipulation?

- Is it an easy thing to get over?

Clip 3 – Life – 38:45 – 42:55 – “I want to help you John.”

- If Locke knew that Ben intended for him to destroy the sub why did he do it?

- Is something or somebody else manipulating Locke?
 - Ben says that Locke has a communion with the island.
 - Is the island manipulating Locke?

- Given Locke's revelation that Ben wanted the submarine destroyed
 - Do you think Locke is still glad he did it?
- If his reason for destroying the sub was not to help Ben.
 - What was Locke's motive?
 - Is it truly that he was afraid?
 - If in fact, Locke destroyed the submarine because he was afraid of his father.
 - What does it mean for him that his father is, presumably, on the island?
- After all that he has been through with Anthony
 - Why does Locke call him "Dad"?

Devotional Activity: (10 Minutes)

Complete the answers to the supplementary quiz PDF (courtesy of MSN, Bell Canada). When you have answered all 10 questions - take a look at the overall pattern of your answers. Do you rely heavily on the opinions of others? Are you more satisfied with making decisions based solely on your own feelings? When everyone has had a chance to look over their answers - discuss your results with one another. Do you agree with the results? NOTE - This quiz was taken from a young peoples website. Feel free to alter the questions in order to make them more appropriate for older age groups. This quiz can simply serve as a template.

Further Speculation:

- What do you think Ben is trying to accomplish with Locke?

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