

Use “The Scene” to introduce “He Tested His Followers,” the High School Sunday school lesson for February 17, 2019. The lesson is found on page 75 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

There were many stories this past week revisiting the tragedy of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School one year ago. Journalists interviewed students who lost family members and talked to people like David Hogg and Emma Gonzalez, whose life paths were forever changed by this horrifying event. For some of the survivors, their lives have been marked by post-traumatic stress syndrome, depression, and other health issues. For others, like Hogg and Gonzalez, they have been instilled with a passion to start movements and take action to stand up for their fellow students and speak out against gun violence. But in the midst of it all, they are just people, some of them just teens, trying to move forward with their lives.

And in other cities, there are lives lost to gun violence every day, with teens and parents and teachers still left behind, trying to get on with living after tremendous loss. Trying to be more than just another statistic. Trying to make some positive change in their worlds.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

What did you think about the Parkland school shooting? Were you affected by it in any way?

Has an event in your life ever made such an impact that you feel it changed something about you? Describe what changed and how that felt.

What do you think about students like Hogg and Gonzalez who try to lead others in action steps to make a difference in community standards or even in legislation? Do you think what they are doing is effective? Why or why not? What challenges do they have to face?

When one turns and seeks to please Christ, that is an event that alters one’s life in many ways. Let’s look at what Jesus said about the challenges of walking in obedience to the Lord.



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