

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Knowing What Really Matters” the High School Sunday school lesson for July 15, 2018. The lesson is found on page 41 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

Philadelphia-based nonprofit, the American Bible Society, released a policy for employees that requests them to commit to no sex outside of marriage, and marriage is defined as that “prescribed and exemplified in the Bible: ‘a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one,’ symbolizing the relationship between Christ and His Church (Matthew 19:5; Ephesians 5:31).” If they will not agree to commit to this policy by January of 2019, the employees will be asked to resign.

In another day and age, a Christian organization asking its employees to abide by biblical values would not make any kind of news. But nine employees had left by the end of May, and others are looking for other jobs, according to an anonymous current staff person. She felt the new policy was “much more extreme,” as reported by Michael Boren of *The Inquirer* at [www.philly.com](http://www.philly.com).

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

**What do you think about the policy of the Christian nonprofit?**

**Is it fair to ask people not to commit sexual sins as part of employment at a Christian organization? Explain your answer.**

**Why is it important for employees to have policies for employment in place at all? If you were the leader of a Christian company, what policies would you put into place?**

**Many people in our society think that sex outside of marriage is no big deal. They think other things are more important, such as personal freedoms. But what is most important for followers of Christ? Let’s take a look at what Jesus told His followers about priorities.**



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