

Use “The Scene” to introduce “From Learning to Life” the High School Sunday school lesson for August 5, 2018. The lesson is found on page 59 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

An American woman was recently pulled off of a Korean Air flight for her refusal to move out of a business-class seat to her economy seat. As she was being dragged off the airplane, she shouted various things, some seeming to suggest that her act of taking the more expensive seat was not just related to her wanting the better seat, but some sort of random protest for nuclear disarmament. But stories from fellow customers suggest that in their opinion, the woman really was just causing trouble to try to get attention or to get a better seat.

It’s human to desire things that look better or seem more advantageous—but sometimes things are not what they seem. Sometimes what we desire the most for a moment are actually things that would cause us to be ill, bring us harm, or cause problems for us in some other way. A brief spin around the Internet will turn up a thousand stories about people who are currently in a lot of hot water because they wanted more power, more money, or a better position in life. But how do we know what’s really “better”? What standards do we use?

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:

Have you ever wanted something that someone else had? What was it, and why did you want it?

Have you ever really wanted something and then discovered later that it wasn’t what you wanted at all? How did you deal with that disappointment?

What do you do to try to find out whether something is good for you to have or not?

How do we know if something has value or not? What about what we learn—how do we know what information is valuable or not? Consider three questions drawn from the end of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.



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