

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Matthew, the Tax Collector” the High School Sunday school lesson for October 14, 2018. The lesson is found on page 43 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

“He was too showy.” “Too old.” “Too young.” “Inexperienced.” “Corrupt.” “She talked too much.” “Didn’t like the policies.” “Didn’t like her religion.” “Her voice was annoying.” “He seemed lazy.” “Too much money spent on commercials.” “Didn’t like his commercial.” “He supports the wrong football team.” “She owns three houses.” “Been in politics too long.” “Not been in politics long enough.”

These are all reasons people have given for why they didn’t vote for a candidate. As the midterm elections approach, it’s interesting to consider what makes some people vote for a person, and others vote against, and how much of that has anything to do with what the person actually says they want to do when they are in office.

*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:*

**Have you ever voted for someone to hold a school government position? What influenced the way you voted?**

**What are some factors you think people should consider when they are voting for someone to hold a position in government which will be in charge of making laws?**

**What kinds of things do you think make a person unfit for an elected office?**

**People have all sorts of standards that they think individuals need to meet in order to be worthy of their vote, but some of those standards have little to do with the actual job the person will be in charge of doing. Jesus didn’t place any limits on who He allowed to fill the position of disciple—anyone was welcome. Let’s see what happened when Jesus called an unlikely candidate, by society’s standards, to be His disciple.**



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