

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Stretch Seconds” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for January 6, 2019. The lesson is found on page 37 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

As the regular season for professional football is winding down and the postseason games begin, the college basketball teams are gearing up for the ride that will take some teams into March Madness.

NC State’s men’s basketball coach, Kevin Keatts, is trying to get his team ready in some interesting ways. He’s strict with his team. One of his starters didn’t start in an important game because he was late for practice once. And he makes his players work hard, getting them in a physical condition known as “Keatts Shape,” in which they have very little body fat left.

And he has a strict no cell phone policy. No cell phones at all allowed in any team meetings or other times when the team is together—such as for team dinners or even on the team bus. He wants them to know one another and to use the time they have to be building relationships instead. He works on building his relationship with his players as well. The strict disciplinarian dances in the locker room after every win and takes the whole team out for ice cream when they win a game on the road (information gathered from Matthew Bradham, “NC State Found a Unicorn in Kevin Keatts,” PackInsider online).

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 would you think of a cell phone ban for a group you are active in? Does that make sense? Why or why not?

How much of a problem do you think cell phones are in the lives of other teens you know? How much time do they take up?

Is time spent on a cell phone with someone as valuable as time spent in person? Explain your answer.

There are many activities that take up our time. The Bible clearly says that time does not come in unlimited supply. Let’s see what the Bible says about using time wisely.



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