

TOPIC: CHEATING

OBJECTIVE: to help the students realize that when they cheat, they are only cheating themselves.

ACTIVITY: Read the following scenarios to the student, have them brainstorm possible outcomes.

SCENARIOS:

I You are in a hurry and are not looking where you are going. You step out from the curb and are hit by a car. You are rushed to the hospital but:

- a. the ambulance driver had cheated on his/her drivers test.
- b. the nurse handed in someone else's term paper on pain medication.
- c. the doctor had someone else take his anatomy test for him/her.

II You have worked very hard, and saved up your money for the trip of a lifetime. You go out to the airport and board your plane but:

- a. the repair staff, in an attempt to save money, used counterfeit parts.
- b. the pilot, because he/she needs the money, falsifies the records on how much sleep he/she has had between flights.
- c. the air traffic controller finds today particularly stressful, so he/she has a few drinks at lunch to relax.

III You hate High School so you skip class a lot. You copy your friends homework, and you are lucky you sit next to a real *nerd* who studies so that you can cheat on the tests. You finally graduate (thanks to the credit you earn by attending RELIG) and are working at McDonalds. Your friend tells you that there is a great entry level job at a record company which will lead to you being a producer but:

- a. you have to take a literacy test to prove you can read and write for contracts and copy one CD covers.
- b. you have to take a math test to prove you can work with budgets.
- c. you have to take a basic geography test, so you know where the foreign markets are.

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you go to school?
2. What does a high school diploma mean? College diploma? A driver's license? A Medical degree?
3. Military schools have the Honor Code which states that they will not lie, cheat or stand for anyone else lying or cheating or they will be expelled. Do you agree with this? Why? Why not?
4. Would you turn in someone you know is cheating? Why? Why not?
5. Are there other ways to accomplish your goals without cheating? What are they?

SUGGESTED READING: Mark 4:24-25

Take notice of what you are hearing. The standard you use will be used for you--and you will receive more besides; anyone who has, will be given more; anyone who has not, will be deprived even of what he has.