

News Story Summary

Walter Carr is a college student in Birmingham, AL who worked for a moving company this past summer. His first job was almost 20 miles from his home. His car broke down the night before, so he woke at midnight and began walking to the job, thinking it would take him about eight hours to get there. “I didn’t want to defeat myself,” Carr said. After several hours of walking, he stopped to rest. Mark Knighten, a police officer, asked if Carr was okay. Carr explained his plan for walking to work. The officer bought Carr some breakfast and drove him as far as he could with a plan for another officer to pick up Carr from that spot. The second police officer found Carr walking and drove him the last 4 miles to the job. The officer described to the homeowner what Carr had done to get to work that day, who then posted the story on social media. Word spread quickly. Upon hearing the story, Luke Marklin, the CEO of the moving company, drove from Tennessee to Alabama just to meet Carr. The two men had a cup of coffee and then Marklin gave Carr the keys to his vehicle. “I am honestly blown away by him,” Marklin told AL.com. “Everything he did that day is exactly who we are — heart and grit. So far, he’s batting 1,000.”

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “CEO gives car to employee”.)

Focus Attention

To supplement the Focus Attention idea, share the news story above. Note that Luke Markin got involved in Walter Carr’s life with a generous gift when he heard the story of Carr’s commitment to his job. Continue by asking the question under Ask: *How do you discern when to get involved in another person’s life?*

Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge ideas, remind the group of the news article and Luke Marklin’s investment in Walter Carr’s life – a gift that would allow Carr to keep working. Continue by asking the questions under Challenge: *Examine your life, paying particular attention to the seed you are sowing in your life. Based on what you are sowing, what should be expected in your life in the next five years? What changes do you need to make in light of your study of Galatians?*