

## News Story Summary

Chinese media mistakenly announced that Kim Jong Un is the sexiest man alive as a news fact, though the information came from a satire written in 2012. Fake news is the presenting of a story as if all things included are factual done so as humor as to make a point.

Leslie Battaglia has been encouraging her High School government and politics classes at Williamsville South High School in suburban Buffalo to search fact-checking sites to sort real news from fake news. This is how they discovered their favorite example of Kim Jong Un. Battaglia is telling her students that they are to do the hard work of research because the impact on people's lives is significant. Some of the students believe that fake news can possibly cause real news to lose credibility, simply because of heightened suspicion. Furthermore, people can make decisions based on these types of stories, leading to misinformed decisions.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term "The new civics course in schools".)

## Focus Attention

To supplement the Focus Attention ideas, share the news story and ask: *What homework are we to do to communicate to others that Jesus is not fake news?* Begin this discussion by reminding the group that if students can see the need to work to prevent dissemination of false stories, how much should we be ready to defend the truth of the Lord's claims.

Explain that today's lesson is concerned with the true identity of Jesus Christ. Peter on the one hand said He was the Christ, and on the other suggested that crucifixion would not be part of the plan! Peter learned quickly how one's own preconceived perception, no matter how pleasant, can get in the way of the cause of Christ.

## Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge ideas, lead group members to create a list from today's lesson of items that show Christ is who He said He is. Remind them of the news story. Explain that as believers we must find ways of helping today's skeptic understand the truth of the gospel. Challenge the group to share what the group listed with at least one person this week.