

### **News Story Summary**

Since January 1, there has been an average of more than one school shooting per week in the United States. These shootings have sparked political debate over the safety of schools and gun laws. Regardless of the solution a person may propose, both sides of the debate realize the need for people to feel safe, especially when attending school.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “school shooting statistics” or “school shooting fear”.)

### **Focus Attention**

To supplement the Do activity under the Focus Attention ideas, write the following statistic on the board: In the U.S. there has been on average one school shooting per week since the first week of January. As the group arrives, direct them to the statement, asking for their response. Highlight emotions expressed. Steer the discussion by pointing to the questions included in the Personal Study Guide or Daily Discipleship Guide at the beginning of the session (Do you feel safer or less safer than you did ten years ago? How is a person’s sense of security related to what one is willing to trust for that security?) Focus on the issue of what one is willing to trust as opposed to the political debates. Complete the step as written.

### **Summarize and Challenge**

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge ideas, begin by reminding the group of the statistic about school shootings. Point out that the solutions proposed all point to who a person or group of people are willing to trust for security. Emphasize that every human entity has limits and is therefore unable to provide full security. Ask: *How should the resurrection of Christ change our viewpoint on the world? How can the assurance the resurrection impact what we trust for our security?* Complete the step as written.