




1 **Have you ever watched the celebration that takes place on New Year's Eve when the ball drops in Time's Square at midnight?** What are they celebrating? How does that compare with our celebration of the most significant event in history, the resurrection of Christ?

 *How much of a danger is there of losing the significance of Christ's resurrection in our culture? Did you hear any talk about Easter on media outlets this past week? Did any of them mention the resurrection of Christ?*


 *When did the reality of the resurrection of Christ first impact you? How would you explain Easter to someone who asked you, "What's Easter all about anyway?" How would you share what Easter means to you?*

2 **Why do you think some people have a problem with the concept of Jesus' physical resurrection?** Do you ever think that your Christianity is grounded in "blind faith?" Do you have confidence that your faith is ground in verifiable facts? Why or why not?

 *What type of proof is offered for the resurrection of Jesus in 1Corinthians 15? What kind of evidence is there for the resurrection?*

 *Discuss the following quote: "The evidence for Jesus' resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live." - Wolfhart Pannenberg. Do you agree or disagree? Why?*

3 **What did Jesus' resurrection accomplish for us (see: Rom. 5:10; 6:1-14; 8:11; 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 15:12-22; Eph. 1:18-21; Phil. 3:10-11)?**

 *According to 1Corinthians 15:14-19, if Christ did not rise from the dead, what would it mean? What would be some implications of a Christ who died and stayed dead?*

