

# START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

Do you cry easily? What will almost always make you cry? A sad movie? A sappy commercial?

# **START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)**

Read Revelation 21:3-4

- Do you think God will physically wipe away our tears, or that there will not even be any tears?
- Do you think that there will be nothing to be sad about, or will the love of God immediately erase the sadness?

# **START SHARING** | (Choose a question to create openness)

- Are you currently grieving over a loss? If not currently, is there a loss you have grieved over in the past?
- How has the power of community helped you or NOT helped you during your time of grief and sorrow?
- Have you ever been the cause of someone's grief?
- Have you ever experienced "resurrection" in terms of a dead thing in your life?

# Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

"Jesus, I'm asking that you would carry our grief -- just cry with us here today. You see our tears...You are close to our broken hearts... You see our loss... Be with us in this hurt and pain and bring us the hope of resurrection because of your love and power. In Jesus name, amen."

#### Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

Take time this week to record some thoughts about what resurrection would look like as related to the grief that you have endured.

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