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Family & Group Discussion Guide

- What is suffering?
- What kind of suffering have you faced in your life?
- What are some of the ways you have responded to that suffering?
- What is rejoicing?
- What does it mean to rejoice in the midst of our suffering?
- Have you “entrusted” your soul to our faithful creator?
- What does that mean for your present?
- What does that mean for your future?
- How do we stay disciplined in fixing our eyes on Jesus?
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- **PRAY** for each other that we could keep our deposit in Jesus and our hope in heaven

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