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Your Joy Over Loneliness:

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GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION

- What makes you happy? How is joy different from happiness? Describe a memory that makes you joyful.
- Read **Ephesians 2:8-9**. What does this passage say about our our work in salvation?
- How does this passage support Paul's statement in Philippians that the one who began the good work would complete it?
- Why is it true that "True and lasting joy can only be found in Christ?"
- When problems arise, do you tend to talk about discouragement or offer encouragement?
- What will you do practically this week to practice joy?
- How can we pray for you?
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