## **OUTLINE & QUESTIONS**

## DON'T FEAR SUFFERING

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In your \_\_\_\_\_, you are \_\_\_\_\_.

There is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

**Icebreaker:** Share about a time when you had to do something hard, and someone's words gave you strength to do it.

1. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that He is "the first and the last, who died and came to life again" (Rev 2:8)?

2. What does it mean that the church is "rich" despite being in affliction and poverty (Rev 2:9)?

3. What does Jesus tell the church in Smyrna that will help them "not be afraid of what [they] are about to suffer" (Rev 2:10)?

4. What does it mean that the suffering the church faces is "to test" them (Rev 2:10)?

5. What practical ways can we grow in courage and endurance to prepare for opposition to our faith, even if we are not facing persecution now?

6. How can you grow a heart for the persecuted church around the world?

7. If Jesus wrote a letter to our church today, what do you think He would say about our faithfulness under pressure?

**Prayer:** Go to the Voice of the Martyrs prayer page (icommittopray.com/). As a group, pray for the people in the stories posted there.