



## Sermon Questions

Date: *December 31, 2023* | Scripture: *Revelation 21:1-4*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Where did you see God with you this Christmas?
3. What are your hopes for the new year? Where do you want to see God with you in 2024?
4. How does Revelation's promised end of the story—that God will be with us forevermore in a new world free from sin and misery—change the way you think about life now?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

There is a profound intimacy pictured in our passage when God wipes the tears from our eyes. Imagine that: the Lord Jesus himself, with holes in his hands, holding your face and wiping your tears. In this life we have many reasons to shed tears. This promised end of the story does not demand for us to “suck it up” because it will all work out. Rather, it anticipates us arriving at the very end with fresh tears in our eyes. Revelation gives us the freedom to recognize the pain and evil we still live in the midst of and weep over it. It also gives us the hope to move forward toward our Savior with outstretched hands, ready to receive you.

Here is my face to hold, O Lord  
Here are my tears to wipe  
Here is my scarlet sin stained soul  
For you to wash snow white

- What is your response to the picture of God wiping your tears? How does that make you feel?
- What has brought you to tears this past year? (Or if you're not an easy crier like me, what has burdened your heart this past year?)

**ACTION:** Spend a while in prayer offering up those points of grief and pain to God. Voice your sorrow and your longing to see all things made new. Close your time reading Psalm 27 and Revelation 21:1-4 again.