

Ruth **Home Group Discussion Questions**

March 1 - Ruth 1:1-14

1. Where do you normally place blame when you experience tough times? God? Satan? Your Sin? Other People's Sin? Something Else?
2. Why do we tend to think that life is over when life falls apart?
3. What are some Biblical examples of when a tragedy was not the end of the story but just the beginning?
4. Talk about someone you know personally that experienced a difficult time in life that had potential to ruin them yet it ended up being the beginning of a greater, more meaningful life.

March 8 - Ruth 1:15-22

1. When things in your life go bad why do you tend to make things worse?
2. What are some real-life situations that you've witnessed when people have made bad situations worse with their decision making?
3. What are some Biblical examples of people making things worse with their decisions?
4. Is it harder or easier to remain faithful during difficult times? Why?
5. What does it mean to remain faithful?
6. List some Biblical examples of people remaining faithful during difficult times?
7. Share some examples from your life where people remained faithful during difficult circumstances?

March 15 - Ruth 2

1. What stories do you know of people who remained faithful through a difficult situation and God's sovereignty was revealed in the midst of the situation?
2. Why do we tend to think that we have more control over our lives than we actually do?
3. How does God's sovereignty allow you to remain faithful? Why do you trust God's sovereignty?
4. What other Scriptures reveal the truth of God's sovereignty and help you to trust Him during difficult times?
5. Practically speaking, what does it look like for someone to remain faithful during hard times? Give examples.

March 22 - Ruth 3

1. When you need help during a difficult time, what do you normally do after you pray?
2. Have you ever felt that your only responsibility in a situation is to pray and then it is God's responsibility to work everything else out for you? Talk about that situation. Is that the best thing to do?
3. "Live your prayer" was an idea discussed in the sermon. What does that mean?
4. What are the things that you have brought before God recently that require you to live your prayer?
5. What keeps you from living your prayer? Laziness? Lack of commitment? Uncertainty about what to do?

March 29 - Ruth 4

1. Do you ever look at bad situations in your life as a bad part of a story that has a great ending? Why or why not?
2. Compare Naomi's life in the opening chapter with her life in the closing chapter of the book of Ruth. What were the major things that happened in her life that transitioned her from the tragedy to the blessing?
3. How is Jesus' suffering an example of a difficult part of a story that has a great ending? What ways is the ending to Jesus' story still being revealed?
4. How will you apply Ruth and Naomi's story to your life?
5. When God brings someone across your path that needs encouragement from the story of Ruth, how can you properly share it with them?