

16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. **17** Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!” **18** When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more.

—Ruth 1:16-18

Discussion/Journal Questions

Read all of chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth. What do we learn about Naomi? What do we learn about Ruth?

What does Naomi say to convince her daughters-in-law to return to their families?

In Ruth 1:20-21, how do you hear Naomi’s words? Is she blaming God? Is she bitter? Or is she simply broken and hurting?

Read all of chapter 2 of the Book of Ruth. Who is Boaz? What kind of man is he?

According to Ruth 2:11-12, what has Boaz heard about Ruth’s character?

Boaz is a kinsman redeemer in Naomi’s family. How is Boaz like Jesus in this story?

What can we learn about faith from Ruth’s story?

How can your group pray for you this week? How can you encourage and pray for them?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?