

Ruth: Hardship to Harvest
When Hope Dies
Ruth 1:6-22

1. What was something that Scott said on Sunday that made you stop and think?
2. Ruth's relationship with Naomi was influential in Ruth's relationship with God. Is there a person who was influential in you coming to Christ?
3. A safer option for Ruth may have been to stay in her homeland of Moab. Instead, she chose to leave with Naomi. What are the implications of Ruth staying with Naomi and traveling to Bethlehem? In what ways do you prioritize comfort or safety over risk? How might comfort and safety be idolized in our lives?

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4. Ruth leaving her homeland, Moab, constituted a big risk. What is the connection between faith and risk?
5. The genealogy of Jesus includes five women: Mary; Tamar; Ruth; Bathsheba; and Rahab. If you have some understanding of these women's stories, reflect for a moment on their possible commonalities, or commit to familiarizing yourself with their stories. What common experiences do these women share? How would they have been perceived by their peers and why? How is God revealed to each of them? What do these commonalities and the lineage of God's redemptive plan reveal to us about the character of God? Who are we tempted to reject from the rich lineage of God's family?
6. What does Naomi teach us about suffering and bitterness? How can we be honest with God, about God, and how we are feeling towards God? How might this be connected to other examples of suffering we encounter in the Hebrew Bible?
7. How do we view the suffering we endure in light of what Paul says about suffering in Romans 8:14-24?