Small Group Questions 5.10.15 Pastor Dale Oquist Speaking

Recap:

Pastor Dale spoke on the Book of Ruth (main characters are Naomi and Ruth) as he concludes the "I love a good story" series. The characters of the Book of Ruth know all about severe disappointment. Sunday's teaching hit on those moments of life that seem unfair if not altogether cruel, and how God turns it all around.

The story found in Ruth is one of the most beautiful short stories in all of literature. It has the tension of tragedy and the glory of restoration and redemption. This story is a small version of the biggest narrative of redemption through Jesus. Yet there are many, many lessons to glean from this short story.

Verses:

Ruth

Questions:

- 1. Have you ever unwrapped a gift you were convinced was going to be that which you asked for, only to unwrap a gift you really didn't want?
- 2. Do you believe God has a plan for your life? Discuss what you believe the plan is, or why you do not believe God has a plan for your life.
- 3. What are some of the best stories you have read or seen?
- 4. Have you ever been in a situation where you were bitter? How did you feel during that time? Were you able to see God's blessing in adversity?
- 5. Dale made the statement Never complain about life if you are unwilling to walk away from that, which is familiar and comfortable. Discuss the implications on our lives.