

## LIFE GROUPS

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Aside from family, who has displayed over-the-top loyalty to you? Why do you think that person was so loyal to you?
2. Read Ruth 1:1-5. Discuss the destitute situation in which Naomi and her daughters-in-law found themselves. How can you relate to their circumstances?
3. Even though these were some seriously dark days for this family, was God's plan for this family going to work out? Share how it is comforting to know God is never surprised by our situation in life.
4. Read Ruth 1:6-13. What do these verses suggest the relationship was like between Naomi and her daughters-in-law? Why do people sometimes struggle in their relationship with their in-laws?
5. Given the circumstances, do you think Naomi may have second-guessed the decision to move to Moab? When have you second-guessed a decision you have made based upon your circumstances?
6. Why would Naomi challenge Orpah and Ruth to go back to their homes? What do Naomi's words say about her character?
7. Read Ruth 1:14-18. What do you think made Ruth commit her future to be with her mother-in-law? Was Ruth's commitment selfless? Discuss the parallel in the relationship with Ruth and Naomi to that of Jesus and you.
8. Read Ruth 1:19-22. How humbling would it have been for Naomi to come home empty-handed? Why does Naomi see the Lord as being the source of her pain? Is she right?
9. What does the phrase in verse 22, "the barley harvest was just beginning," foretell about the future for Naomi and Ruth? Discuss how knowing Christ as Savior and Lord inform your eternal future, no matter how dark the days are right now.
10. The Lord used Ruth's loyalty to bless Naomi, and eventually the whole world. How does sharing the gospel with someone mirror Ruth's loyalty to Naomi? Please name someone you, and your group, will intentionally pray for and invest time in this month (July) that they may know Christ?



### Setbacks

Ruth 1

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