

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Ruth
Week 1 Study

Icebreaker

Where are you originally from? How does that define you?

Passage 1 Ruth 1:1-7

Reflection Do you think it was a poor choice for Elimelech to move his family to Moab? Would you have done the same thing in his situation, or would you have done something different?

You may be wondering what was the problem is with moving to Moab. What do the following verses say about the origins of the Moabites and their relationship with Israel.

Genesis 19:30:

Deuteronomy 23:3-6:

Judges 3:12-14:

Describe the situation in which Naomi found herself ten years after her move to Moab?

Have you ever turned back to God out of desperation or necessity? If so, describe it.

Passage 2 Ruth 1:8-13

Reflection What do these verses reveal about the relationship of Naomi and her two daughters-in-law

Why did Naomi encourage Ruth and Orpah to stay in Moab? What were their prospects there?

Passage 3 Ruth 1:14-18

Reflection Describe the final decisions of Ruth and Orpah. What do these decisions reveal about the two women?

The verses say Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her. What do you think motivated their decisions? There's not necessarily a "right" answer, but given what you know so far, be as thoughtful as you can.

In your own words, what commitment did Ruth make?

Passage 4 Ruth 1:19-22

Reflection Describe the response in Bethlehem to Naomi's return. What does the woman's question suggest about Naomi?

Why did Naomi want to change her name? What do her words reveal about her view of God and her own experiences?

Are you currently in a season of trial, blessing, or both? Describe how your current circumstances negatively or positively affect your relationship with God.

Application

What does this chapter reveal about true friendship and devotion?

For what reasons does God allow our lives to have full times and empty times (v.21)