



**Title:** Ruth

**Scripture:** Ruth 1

**Date Preached:** May 2, 2021

### **DISCUSSION STARTER:**

Why do people value such attributes as faithfulness, consistency, and reliability in their friendships? Who is someone in your life who exemplifies these attributes?

### **DISCUSSION:**

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at [my.worthingtoncc.org/listen](http://my.worthingtoncc.org/listen).

1. As you look through this chapter, what are some general observations that you make about the turn of events? What are some specific ways you see God's faithfulness demonstrated in people's lives, even amid difficult times?
2. Look at verses 1-5. Why is it important to know that this family was from Bethlehem in Judah based on what you know about that town's role in biblical history?
3. Look at verses 14-18. What does Ruth's response show us about her relationship to Naomi? What does her response show us about her relationship with God?
4. How might the intimacy in a relationship like this give us insight into God and how God works through relationships? How about insight into how God created people?
5. How do you deal with tragedy in your life? Do you see God's faithfulness and provision for you when you are in the process of dealing with pain?

### **MY NEXT STEP:**

What are some areas in your life that you need to adjust so you can be more faithful to God and towards others?

**Next Week's Sermon Title:** Naomi