

THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Welcome! We're glad you're here. If you are new to Grace, have a request, or a comment, please fill out a Connection Card on the back table.

Today is **Compassion Sunday** - you will have the opportunity to sponsor a child. For more information, contact Roxena at roxenaquinlan@yahoo.com

Nursery and Kids' Church:

Parents, please sign-in each child at the back table.

Middle School Students:

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

High School Students:

Saturdays 5-7pm

Today, we celebrate **Communion**. There are prepackaged communion cups on the back table.

Ruth journals are now available on the back table.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Judges; Ruth 1:1-5

Introduction to Ruth

- The Setting of Ruth: "In the days when the judges ruled" (Ruth 1:1)
- "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25)

Corporate reading through Ruth

- Ruth 1: Alex Dong, Worship Director
- Ruth 2: Kalehua Meheula, Office & Ministry Assistant
- Ruth 3: Seth Master, Student Ministries Director
- Ruth 4: Michelle Huwe, Children's Ministries Director

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

The book of Judges shows us what can happen when we try to do life apart from God's wisdom and refuse to give up our stubborn attitudes and actions. The destruction that follows hurts everyone, but the book of Judges also offers a glimpse of hope. If you worry that you've failed too often or wandered too far away from God, remember that it's not too late to call out to Him. God is gracious and forgiving. He runs toward those who return to Him (Luke 15:20-24).

Judges 2:10-19 — What does it say? And how does it apply to our lives today?

1. Looking at verse 10, how does the text highlight why the people "forsook," or walked away, from God? What can you learn from this explanation?
2. Look at verse 13. The Canaanite idol Baal was thought to be the god over the weather and nature. In an agricultural society, people served Baal in hopes that he would reward them with a wealth of crops and flocks, assets that would lead to riches. Now read 1 Timothy 6:6-11. How can a longing to be rich cause someone to walk away from the one true God? What are other things people pursue ahead of God?
3. How do you feel when others disregard what you say or reject you? What if you really love the person? How do your feelings relate to your love for that person? When God's people disregard and reject him, He feels angry. How might God's anger relate to His love for His people? How often do you consider God's feelings when you make choices?
4. Compare Judges 2:15 with what God said in Deuteronomy 4:25-31. What did God assure would happen if Israel turned to other gods (Deut. 4:25-28)? How does God assure His mercy and provide another chance for His people (Deut. 4:29-31)?
5. The book of Judges ends with this line: "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." How can this help us understand the context of Ruth and its significance in the storyline of the Bible?

Ruth 1:1-5 — What does it say? And how does it apply to our lives today?

1. Judges describes the setting of the story of Ruth — "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit." What kinds of relationships and society does this verse describe?
2. What people or things get the most time, money, attention, affections, and imitation in our society?
3. What do we learn in these verses about the couple from Judah that moves to Moab?
4. What events in the life of this Judean family (and your own) symbolize fullness and joy, or signal emptiness and sorrow? What questions for God arise within us when our expectations are shattered?
5. How has disaster, loss, or injustice brought unexpected changes to your life? What questions for God arise within us when our expectations are shattered?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.