

5 Questions to help you dig deeper into the message for your Grace Group or Family Devotions:

Read Ruth 1:6-22. Share what stood out and ministered to you most from this message.

In **Ruth 1:6** we read how Naomi "heard in Moab that the Lord had paid attention to His people's need by providing them food." Talk about a time when you 'heard' about something God was doing, but you weren't able to experience yourself. Why did Naomi not experience God's blessing? How do **Isaiah 40:31** and **Galatians 6:9** relate?

Naomi is adamant about her daughters-in-law going back to Moab. Why? Why would anyone want their loved ones to go back to their false gods? What's happening in Naomi's heart? What are some reasons that Christians today might NOT share their faith with others?

Read Numbers 20:2-13. God apparently does not like when we misrepresent Him. What are some ways that Christians are tempted to do this today?

Orpah was initially very emotional, but then was convinced to go back to her old life, while Ruth "clung" to a new life with Naomi and the Lord. Have you seen people be full of emotion, but no real devotion for the Lord? How could what we see in Hebrews 12:1-2 help keep us from emotion, but no devotion?