

**SERIES:** Ruth – Unexpected Redemption

**SERMON 1:** Like Naomi...

**TEXT:** Joshua 24

**DATE:** November 28/29, 2015

6. Why do you think Naomi decided to send Ruth & Orpah away?

7. Why do you think Ruth decided to stay with Naomi?

8. Is the idea that God is working in and through hardship difficult for you to accept? To help you think through it look at the 3 verses found on the inside of this guide.

9. Looking back over this week's sermon, DailyLife, and this study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

In Naomi's \_\_\_\_\_

God was \_\_\_\_\_

To Bring her \_\_\_\_\_

**Like Naomi...**

In \_\_\_\_\_

(list a hardship)

God is \_\_\_\_\_

(what do you hope God is working on in you!)

To \_\_\_\_\_

(what do you hope the result of his work is?)

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ruth 1

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion. Before you begin answering the questions, please take a minute to read Ruth 1.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Who do you identify with most in the story so far? (Remember to read Ruth 1)
3. How would you feel if you were in Naomi's situation?
4. Why do you think we read into hardship that God is punishing us? Does scripture teach this?
5. Why is our response to hardship integral to how we live?

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In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:6-9

<sup>11</sup>All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Hebrews 12:11

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3

✿ During Advent our DailyLife devotional will guide you in praying through 4 of the songs found in the first 2 chapters of the Gospel of Luke. The goal is to help you prepare for the HOLY DAY that Christmas is. To receive DailyLife sent to your email, write "DailyLife" on your Communication Card. Make sure we have your current email address. If you do not receive it within the next few days, check your email spam or promotions box.