



# Small Group Study Guide

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## THE STORY OF **RUTH & NAOMI** MOTHER'S DAY SERMON

### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for this amazing story of sacrificial love between Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi. Father, when we go through difficult times, it's hard to see that you are there. So, would you remind us during this study, that you are working in the midst of all of our circumstances. Remind us that you redeem all things. We pray this in the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

#### Ruth 1:16-17 (NIV)

*<sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."*



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## INTRODUCTION

The story of Ruth and Naomi is a story of loss, love and redemption. In a foreign land, Naomi loses her husband and her two sons, and returns back to her hometown with no prospects and with very little means to survive. But when all looks lost, God intervenes.

The story of Ruth and Naomi reminds us that there is always hope with God. When we go through devastating times in our lives, we are called to put our faith in God. God is a God of redemption and we will experience brighter days. Never lose hope. We also learn that sacrificial love can truly change lives. This week place something that gives you anxiety in God's hands.

## QUESTIONS

- 1) What is one attribute you admire about your mother?
- 2) How well do you deal with loss or changes in your life?
- 3) Have you ever had to leave something behind in order to follow God? How did that make you feel?
- 4) Has anyone, after you have faced trouble, ever blessed you in some way that made you thank God for all his blessings?
- 5) Although there are times in which we should wait and trust that God will act in our lives, are we sometimes expected to be proactive in preparing the way for God's help? What might be examples of times for us to wait, and times for us to be proactive?

## FINAL APPLICATION

This week, trust God with something causing you to be anxious.