

Sunday, May 9th, 2021
A Selfless Heart
Ruth 1

Getting to Know You

1. What are some decisions you have made that have had little to no consequences? What are some decisions that have had life-changing consequences?
2. Have you made a decision of which you can honestly say you gave no thought to yourself? Explain.
3. Sometimes the circumstances we face make us feel like things are stacked up against us. Sometimes we are tempted to think that even God is against us. Can you relate? If you are comfortable sharing, describe a situation from your life when you felt like that.

Digging Deeper

1. On what basis did the people generally make decisions (Judges 21:25)? How do we see this same decision-making process with Elimelech?

Read Ruth 1:

2. Describe Naomi's condition after being in Moab for 10 years.
3. Naomi is insistent on sending Ruth and Orpah back to Moab. She uses tough love, encourages them to return, and blesses them. Why do you think Naomi didn't want them to return with her? Why does Naomi bless them, but see herself as being at enmity with the Lord?
4. Why do we pull away from people when we go through hardship? Have you ever experienced that with someone close to you?
5. In the middle of her situation Ruth responds to Naomi in verse 16, "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." What stands out to you about Ruth's statement?

Take Home

1. In a very disconnected, mobile, and isolated society, what does it look like to be a Ruth for someone else?
2. Do you believe that God has a plan for your life? Do you believe it is a good plan? Really? Can you give examples of why you believe this?

Prayer