

“Faithful in the Dark” Group Guide

Series: Hope in the Darkness

Passage: Ruth 1

Speaker(s): Pastor Ryan Paulson

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ICEBREAKER:

Share with the group ways you have celebrated the season of Advent and the impact it's had upon you. (Chocolate calendar, a particular book, candlelighting, etc.)



Learning His Way

Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus found in the text.

1. Consider starting your time together by listening to the song “[Hesed](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8NX02QCD2Q)” as a group.
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2. Break up Ruth 1 into sections and read it aloud. What words or phrases stood out to you? Why is this significant?
3. Read 1 Kings 11:1-13 & Psalm 60:8. What do you learn about Moab from these passages?
4. John 16:33 and Psalm 34:18 How do these passages correspond to this story?



Forming His Heart

This is the part of the study where we work on our hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”

5. How do you typically deal with pain?
6. Share a time when things did not go as planned that caused you to doubt the goodness of God in your life. Looking back, what did you learn from that time of suffering?
7. What is Ruth leaving behind to journey with Naomi? Who in your life has made sacrificial movements of love?



Joining His Mission

This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?"

8. Who are the people in your life who have pointed you to Jesus in times of hardship? Share a story with the group about the difference they made.

9. Begin each day this week with gratitude for His hesed love and pray for eyes to see the opportunities He presents to you to live a life of love towards others. (*Be faithful to act upon what He shows you.*)