

Redemption

Week 2 – Where You Go, I Will Go

Transition: In last week's text, Elimelech moved his family from Bethlehem to Moab because of a famine. Sadly, Elimelech and his two sons died, leaving Naomi and her two daughter-in-laws alone.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Naomi hears that God is providing food again in Bethlehem and decides to move back. She insists that her daughter-in-laws stay and find husbands again. Orpah agrees to stay behind, but Ruth insists on going. She declares that she will adopt Naomi's people and God as her own.

Opening Questions:

- Have you ever taken a big leap of faith, like moving to a new location or job? What prompted you to take that leap?
- If you had to leave your hometown what would be the hardest thing to leave?

Scripture/Storying: Ruth 1:6-18

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- What stands out to you most in this passage and why? How does this text speak to you in this season of your life?
- Describe a time when you someone expressed authentic loyalty to you. What did their loyalty mean to you?
- How do see God's providence evident in the middle of Naomi's suffering? In what ways have you seen God work discreetly behind the curtain in your life?
- What do you think it was like for Ruth to leave the familiar behind and embrace a new faith, people, and culture? Share a story when you left the familiar to go where God was leading. What did you learn from the experience?
- What does God's inclusion of Ruth in his plan say about how God views outsiders from different backgrounds? How can the church today foster the same attitude seen in Ruth and Naomi's example?
- How might this story help someone facing loneliness or uncertainty today?

Prayer time: - David & Katya Snead (Ukraine)

- Pray for their Pastor's safety as he travels to the war zone to visit the church members who are on the front lines.
- Pray for David & Katya's safety amid heavy air raids across Ukraine. Pray for comfort and peace.
- Pray that David & Katya can disciple a recent convert well and that others in their small group would be saved.
- Pray for their apartment remodeling process. This apartment will host small groups and meetings for the worship team and other ministries.