



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

As we read *The Story*, we see glimpses of God's sovereign plan in the midst of great suffering and struggle. We may feel at times that God is punishing or abandoning us but, in reality, He is redeeming us and providing for a better future. This week we consider the story of Ruth.

1. Can you remember a time in your life when you felt punished or abandoned by God? What were the circumstances? Looking back, how did God use that difficult time for your good?

Read Ruth 1:16-22

2. Both Ruth and Naomi experienced loss. Compare the loyalty of Ruth to Naomi and the God of Israel with the disloyalty of Naomi to God. What steps can we take to maintain trust in God when the storms hit our lives?

Read Ruth 2:10-12

3. What positive qualities does Boaz see in Ruth? He sees that her loyalty is because she has put her trust in the God of Israel. Identify five behaviors we exhibit in trials that show we do not trust God. Identify five behaviors we exhibit in trials that show our trust is in God.
4. Why is the idea of a Kinsman-Redeemer (2: 20) such a beautiful picture of the love of Jesus toward us?

Read Ruth 4:11-22

5. In what ways did God take the tragedy of Naomi's loss and turn it to joy? Why is this such a great encouragement for us when we are in times of struggle?
6. Watch the video, *Ruth*, by the Bible Project, on RightNow Media in the River City Christian library. Share one insight from the video that impacts you.

PARENTS:

In the car this week, spend time talking about loyalty when it comes to God and to friends. Then discuss this question: How do you stay loyal to God or a friend when you think they are being unfair?



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For Next Week: Read chapter 10 of *The Story*.