

RUTH

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BIG IDEA

God is present and provides for His people, even in times of pain, suffering and grief.

KEY SCRIPTURE

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."

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Job 1:21; 1 Thes 5:18; Micah 6:8; 2 Tim 2:13; Ps 23:6; Isaiah 54:10

RESOURCES

Walking with God through Pain and Suffering by Timothy Keller

Engaging in the Old Testament: How to read the Biblical Narrative, Poetry and Prophecy Well by Dominick S. Hernandez

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or

phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?

4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

Where are you experiencing suffering in your world? How have you viewed that suffering? (See chart below).

What does the term *Hessed* mean (Ruth 1:8; Ps 23:6; Isaiah 54:10). How does that change how you view your own suffering?

What does Naomi's reaction teach you about how you deal with pain?

What does Ruth's loyalty about how you walk through hurt and pain?

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.

	Moralistic	Self Transcendent	Fatalistic	Dualistic	Secular
Cause	Wrongdoing	Illusion	Destiny	Cosmic conflict	Accident
Response	Do good	Detachment	Endurance	Purified faithfulness	Technique
Resolution	Eternal bliss	Enlightenment	Glory and honour	Triumph of the light	Better society