

RUTH

Ruth 1:8-17; 4:13-17

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE CONVERSION OF RUTH
2. THE HIDDEN WISDOM OF GOD
3. THE HOPE OF REDEMPTION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. In the story of Ruth, we see Ruth leave behind the comfortable and the familiar in order to journey into the great unknown. Have you ever done something like this? What sort of thing could lead you to do something like that? What led Ruth to do it?
3. Naomi's love and the effect it has on Ruth shows us that if we desire the people around us to at least seriously consider what we believe, the best way to do that is to love them regardless of what they believe. How do you relate to your friends and family who aren't followers of Jesus? What does it look like to love someone regardless of what they believe?
4. The story of Ruth shows us that God is always working. Even when we don't see anything miraculous going on around us and even when our life doesn't go the way we had planned and desired for it to go, God is working. What is your plan for your life? How can we be the type of people who maintain hope, poise and joy when our plans aren't realized?
5. What are some examples of God's redemptive work in your life?
6. **END OF THE SEMESTER:** This is the final week of our fall semester. Take some time as a group to discuss these questions: **1)** What was good about this semester? **2)** What could be improved to make this group even better at helping us grow in authentic, Jesus-centered relationships? **3)** What are our plans as a group for next semester?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Ruth is not only in Jesus' genealogy, but her life also points us to Jesus. He is the One who left His Father's house, left His country, and gave up His life so we could get ours back.