

# Sermon-based Small Groups

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## Naomi & Ruth: Loyalty

Ruth 1:15-17

Week of June 23, 2024

### This week's scripture:

<sup>15</sup> So Naomi said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.

<sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!"

**Scripture Reflection Questions:** Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

**Sermon Reflection Questions:** Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- When others seek to be loyal to you do you push them back? Why or why not?
- What would it look like in your life to weave your hope, joy, love, etc. with others?

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- What can we learn from Jesus Christ about the power of healing presence? What are some characteristics of Jesus's presence that we might model in our interactions with friends who are hurting?