

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Loss, Loyalty, and Friendship  
Ruth 1

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Community Group Discussion Questions

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## PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

## ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer one the following questions:
  - What was your favorite movie when you were a teen?
  - Who was your best childhood friend? Are you still friends today?

## OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. What stood out to you most from Sunday's message?
3. What were you most encouraged or convicted about?

## DIGGING DEEPER (10-15 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

4. Read Ruth 1:1-22.
  - What **stands** out to you most from this story?
  - What can we learn from Naomi's reaction to her circumstances?
  - What can we learn from how Ruth responded to Naomi?
  - What hope does this passage give to us in our pain?
  - What does this passage teach us about God?
5. Read John 15:13 and Proverbs 17:17.
  - What would it look like for us to live out these principles in our relationships with our family and friends?

## APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) – These may be great to ask in prayer time

6. Who has been a Ruth to you when you've gone through a hard time? How did their friendship help you?
7. Who do you need to be a friend to like Ruth was to Naomi? What would that look like for you going forward?
8. What do you want to remember or start doing in light of this message?