

# RUTH

## THE LOYAL LOVE OF GOD

### Week 1: The Best Of Intentions

A lack of trust can cause us to forget everything we know to be true about God and often leads us to take matters into our own hands. It seldom works out, but God is good enough to work it out for our good. Despite our disobedience, He stays in our story.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time when you had the best of intentions, but it didn't work out.
2. Read Ruth 1:1-22
3. Describe a time when you took matters into your own hands instead of trusting and relying on God. Was anyone else impacted by your decision? What did you learn?
4. Has there ever been a time when you felt like you were "left without" someone or something (vs. 5)? Do you feel like God redeemed that loss? If so, how? In what ways are God's love and redemption shown to Naomi?
5. Much like with Naomi, God usually works quietly and undramatically in our stories which can cause us to believe He's not working at all. Have you ever felt like God forgot about you or didn't care about your circumstances? As you reflect back, can you see how God was working? How did He bring purpose to your pain? How should this help us with future challenges?
6. Why do you think Ruth insists on going with Naomi? What do you think would be different about our world if everybody had a "Ruth."
7. What's your biggest takeaway from Sunday's message and/or this chapter?