

BEFORE THE MEETING

To have a great discussion, every member of the group should read the book of Ruth. It's only four chapters, so reading it over the course of a week is manageable. Consider it an opportunity to spend a little time with your heavenly Father. Don't read the chapters all at once (and definitely not a few hours before the group meeting begins). Pick four days and read a chapter each day. If you do that, it won't seem like a lot to tackle.

DURING THE MEETING

ICEBREAKERS

1. When you think of the word "loyalty," what comes to mind?
2. Talk about a time when someone supported you during difficult circumstances.
3. How did your reading of Ruth go? Did anything stand out? Take some time to discuss.

Watch Video Together (The Story of Ruth)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you learn anything new about the book of Ruth from the video?
2. Have you ever met someone who was unusually kind and generous? If so, in what ways did that person inspire you?
3. Have you ever felt like God was taking care of you during a difficult season? If so, what happened? How did you respond to his kindness?
4. The video's narrator says, "God weaves together the faithful obedience of his people to bring about his redemptive purposes in the world." Can you think of a time in your life or someone else's when obedience paid off and God was honored in some way as a result? How did that experience influence your relationship with your heavenly Father?

APPLYING WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED

Ruth is an example of the power of loyalty. Boaz is an example of the power of kindness. Toward whom do you have the opportunity to be loyal and kind (even if it's difficult)? What is one thing you can do this week to demonstrate your loyalty and kindness to that person? How can this group support you?

