



Sermon Conversation Guide – *The Story of Ruth*

1. What is your favorite Christmas movie that has a love story in it and why?

Read Ruth chapter 1

2. What are all the tragic events that happen to Naomi? In this descent into darkness, changes happen to her name and her view of God. How so (1:20-22)? How has tragedy and hardship shaped both your identity and view of God?
3. Why did Ruth stay with Naomi whereas Orpah decided to remain in Moab (1:11-19)? What kind of decision-making was made in Ruth's mind that led to this action?
4. Read Romans 5:6-8 and 1John 4:9-10 and talk about how Ruth's "*committed*", and "*risk-taking*" love reflects God's love for each of us in Christ. How is God's love so different than our culture's common pictures of love?
5. How is Jesus inviting you to receive something new from his love today, *and*, how might he be calling you to express something new about his love in your school, your marriage, or another specific relationship?

Care & Prayer

To finish the time together, break up into triads (groups of 3) and take some time to find out how one another are really doing, and then pray for one another.

Circles: "Small groups of people meeting regularly to grow spiritually."

CARE SCRIPTURE PRAYER