

Sermon Discussion Guide - December 1, 2024 Plot Twists - Ruth

This week, Pastor Mark walked us through the story of Ruth. Use the following points from the sermon for discussion for your group.

1. Read Ruth chapter 1

- What stands out to you in this chapter? What do verses 15-18 say about Ruth and her relationship with Naomi?
- 2. One of the responsibilities of the believer is to pass on faith in Jesus to the next generation.
 - Was there someone in your family who passed faith on to you? Tell your group that story.
 - Who are you purposefully passing faith on to an upcoming generation? What do you find that "works" and what do you find as a challenge in doing this?
- 3. Pastor Mark said that when we run from God's plan and try to find life outside of His plan, we find trouble. But when we return to God, we find blessing.
 - Share with your group an experience you had in running from God's plan and running into trouble and returning to God to find blessing.
- 4. A big lesson from the book of Ruth is that no one is too far gone to be saved. In the genealogy of Jesus, we find four women Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba who all in one way or another could be viewed as "unworthy."
 - Have you ever felt "unworthy" or "too far gone"? How has God's grace changed you?
 - Do you know anyone who either thinks they are unworthy or people view them as unworthy? How can you show them that they have worth in your eyes and in God's eyes?
- 5. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today's discussion?