

## April 2021 - Life Group Questions

For the next three months, we will be studying great examples of God's sovereignty over circumstances, His provision for His people, and the power of his enduring covenant with his people. The book of Ruth lays the foundation of the lineage of King David and through him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Ruth is a classic love story that focuses on characters Naomi, Ruth and Boaz. Key themes of the book are repentance, as Naomi returned to the Promised Land; kindness, particularly to those who are in need and know it; redemption, paying a price to redeem what has been or could be lost; and commitment, doing God's will despite the cost.

Below are the verses in Ephesians that will be taught during our Sunday services along with the corresponding chapter and questions from the Wiersbe commentary ([Be Committed: Doing God's Will Whatever the Cost](#)) to use in your group each week (you can select a few or answer all of them).

### **APRIL 11TH**

#### ***Be Committed Chapter 1 (pgs. 17-21) - Ruth 1:1-5***

1. Have you ever had to cross over to another ethnic or cultural group? Were you able to assimilate or did you remain a stranger?
2. What types of groups do you feel like a stranger? (Social class, ethnicity, politics, other?). How should our Christian faith overcome these barriers?
3. What three mistakes to avoid are illustrated in the experiences of Naomi and her husband?
4. "When trouble comes to our lives, we can...endure it, escape it, or enlist it?" Explain each option.
5. What reasons or circumstances might cause us to run from our problems as Naomi and Elimelech did?

### **APRIL 18TH**

#### ***Be Committed Chapter 1 (pgs. 21-26) - Ruth 1:6-18***

1. What was wrong with Naomi's decision to go back to Bethlehem?
2. Why do you think Ruth was so determined to go with Naomi?
3. Ruth embraced Naomi and her people as her own. Have you embraced God's people as your own? Are there exceptions and if so what are they and why?
4. When stress comes upon you, do you react like Naomi, Orpah or Ruth? How so?
5. How did God demonstrate His grace in Ruth's life?

### **APRIL 25TH**

#### ***Be Committed Chapter 1 (pgs. 26-29) - Ruth 1:19-22***

1. Tell of a time when you felt most alone and most cared for.
2. Who is the "Ruth" in your life? That person who sticks by you no matter what. How have they demonstrated their loyalty?
3. How did Naomi react to her problems?
4. Do you think Naomi was exaggerating her situation? Did she have any reason to be thankful?
5. What happens to Christians when they concentrate more on themselves and their problems than on God?
6. What experiences have you had in starting over as Ruth and Naomi did?