

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. Some have said that seasons of difficulty and loss often led to a season of growth. Why do you think that is?

Has this been your experience? Explain.

2. Who is a person in your life you can share your hurts with? If you can't name someone, why not?

****Make sure you read through Chapter 10 before you come to church next weekend.***

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

The Story

Chapter 9, The Faith of a Foreign Woman

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For the week of November 12, 2023

The Story - Chapter 9, The Faith of a Foreign Woman

GETTING STARTED _____

1. On Sunday, Pastor Rusty talked about Hallmark movies. Have you ever watched one and do you have a favorite?

2. Faithfulness is often tested in the hardest of times. Can you think a time when your faithfulness was tested? (Share with your group.)

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. From the sermon on Sunday, was there anything that stood out to you as something of significance?

2. The book of Ruth is a true love story. It contains heartbreak, loss, tragedy, romance, and drama. When you think about your favorite love story, what is most appealing about it? What is most memorable?

3. The period of the Judges was marked by weak faith and irresponsible living, but this foreign woman, Ruth, demonstrates strong faith and responsible living. How do Ruth and Boaz exemplify faith and responsibility in their actions, as encouraged in **Proverbs 3:5-6**?

4. If there's one word to describe the story of Naomi, the word is not loss, it's **Redemption**. Read the verses and answer the question below.

• **Genesis 22**

• **Luke 15:11-32**

• **Acts 9:1-22**

What do the following verses teach us about the redemptive nature of God?

5. Naomi faced significant losses in her life, including her husband and sons (**Ruth 1:20-21**). Have you ever experienced a season of loss or disappointment? If so, explain.

6. Consider the broader context of Ruth's story in the Bible, leading to the birth of King David and ultimately Jesus. How does this story connect with the theme of redemption throughout the Bible?