



May 10th • Unexpected Crisis • Ruth 1:1-5

We have reshaped our study guides for ease of use in our new [Connection Groups](#) and for this season of virtual group gatherings.

Opening: Introduce yourself to each other by sharing your name and **answering one** of the following questions.

- A. What is a character trait or life practice you received from your mother?
- B. Why did you choose to take part in a connection group?

Read & Reflect: Read Ruth 1:1-5. Thinking of Sunday's message and returning to these five opening verses to the story of Ruth...

1. How would you summarize, in your own words, the opening of this story?
2. What part of these opening verses do you relate to the most? Why?
3. What stirs in your head and heart when the Bible speaks honestly and openly about God's people suffering and going through deep spiritual crises, instead of glossing over these negative stories?
4. Reflecting on the helps to remember in a time of crisis, that Pastor Dan shared, which one are you most needing to remember right now? Why?
 - A. It is a rare life that is not marked by painful losses and difficult challenges.
 - B. Individuals are of immense importance to God.
 - C. Our lives are part of a greater design than can be seen at the moment.
 - D. The choices we make in the face of our struggles can alter the outcome for good.

Closing Question

Lord, I feel _____ about this series and journeying through the book of Ruth because _____.

Practice(s) for the Week

- Share what you've gleaned from your Connection Group or regular small group on our [Grow Ministry FaceBook Page](#). If you're not on FaceBook, email Pastor Eric Haskins who is happy to share and post on your behalf.
- Continue to reflect on the book and story of Ruth through the [Bible Project's helpful video](#).