



Sunday 27th May

Welcome: When was the last time you went through a move?

Select what order you choose to do the worship and word section.

Worship: Please see notes

Word: Ruth 1

Q1 Describe Naomi's condition after 10 years in Moab.

Q Naomi said that God was against her. Was she right to think and feel this way? Why or why not?

Q How should suffering affect a person's attitude toward God?

Q Ruth and Orpah both faced the decision of taking an easy path or a hard path. When you have been in these situations how have you worked through making the right choice?

Q Are you surprised by Ruth's decision to stay with her mother in law – why or why not?

Q Ruth love for Naomi stands as an example of passionate commitment vv16-18 .

Jesus calls us to follow Him...

Is Jesus asking you to in some way be vulnerable for Him? Is He asking you to follow Him, even though you don't know fully where He is leading you? Is He asking you to deny yourself in someone way? Are you willing to lay down your all for Him?

Q This is a story about real struggles and real hope. How is God bringing hope into your life today?

Mission: Naomi faced some significant practical challenges is there any way you could help someone who faces practical challenges right now eg struggling to manage their garden.

God In A Box?

Participate in an activity that reminds us that God is all powerful.

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Leader: So often we put God in a box. Sometimes we are afraid to ask God for big things because he might say "no" and then we would be disappointed again. Sometimes we do not feel worthy of God's favor. Sometimes we do not even know what to ask of God.

This exercise is designed to get people talking about God's amazing power and that He is the God of the impossible. We should not box Him in by our limited faith or knowledge of His goodness and desire to move in our lives.

1. Take a small box (a shoe box would work) and put it in the middle of your small group circle.
2. Give everyone 3 small pieces of paper, and instruct them to write, "God can ... " Have them complete that sentence.
3. Have them place these slips of paper in the box.
4. Ask your group, "Have you ever put God in a box?" Then ask, "Why do we so often put God in a box?"
5. Pass the box and have the first person pull out one of the slips of paper and read what God can do. Pass the box to the next person and have them pull out a slip, read it, and pass the box until all of the slips of paper have been read.
6. Follow up by sharing a few passages of scripture: Luke 1:37; Jeremiah 32:17
7. Take a moment and glue all those slips of paper to the *outside* of the box as a visual reminder that we must take God out of the box and trust that He can do all things! Nothing is impossible with God.
8. In closing, praise God for all that He can do!