

## Catalyst Group Discussion Questions – Ruth 1:1–22

### Week of January 8, 2012

*Ruth is a compact little story about God's redemption and provision for His people in an unusual manner. The first chapter of Ruth introduces us two of the most prominent characters in the story and their suffering and affliction. Although things seem very bleak God is at work to fulfill His purposes and give His people great joy.*

#### Discussion

- How would you counsel someone who is experiencing deep affliction in their life? What would you say to them when they ask “where is God in this situation?”

#### Examination

- What makes Naomi's situation at the end of verse 5 so sad?
- What makes sense about Naomi's logic in verses 11-14 for Ruth and Orpah to leave her?
- How is Naomi's perspective on God's work in her life wrongly skewed? How is it accurate?
- How does Ruth show great love and faithfulness to God in staying with Naomi?
- What are some of the rays of hope that God gives to Naomi throughout this chapter? Why are they important?

#### Application

- What things should we remember about God when we are going through difficult times of suffering and trial?
- How can we be like Ruth towards those who are suffering and hurting?
- How can the truth of the sovereignty of God over all things be an encouragement to those who suffer?

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Ruth 1:1–22  
Death to Deliverance  
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