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RUTH - FRIENDSHIP AND LOYALTY IN THE LAND OF MOAB: LIFE APPLICATION

INTRODUCTION

This study follows Tim & Emma's preach on the character of Ruth on Mothering Sunday

PASSAGE: RUTH CHAPTER 1

LAUNCH

- When was the last time a friend helped you out in a time of need.
Did you ask for help or was it offered?

DISCOVERY

- What are the key events that happen in this passage?
Which ones are surprising and why?

UNDERSTANDING

- The tragedy of the first few verses is hard to explain.
Do you think Elimelech had a role to play in his own downfall? Why or why not?
- Naomi was bitter with God over her circumstances. Do you think she had a right to be and what do you think of the way she handled it?
- When was the last time you were bitter with God over a setback or misfortune?
To what extent may you have had some personal responsibility for this?
- What were some of the pragmatic reasons that Ruth should have chosen to stay in Moab? What was the reasoning behind her going with Naomi?
What was the key difference between her and Orpah?
- Can you remember a time when a decision was logically wrong but in Christ you knew it to be right? Explain.
- What key Christlike characteristics does Ruth display in this chapter?
How did Christ demonstrate these characteristics towards us?
- Which of Ruth's attributes would you like to have in greater quantity?
Explain your reasons.

APPLICATION

- Pray for those whom you know to be in need and a grace to support them
- Pray for an ability to resist bitterness especially in difficult times
- Pray that strong and loyal friendships will develop within your group, in the church and outside the church as well.