



## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of January 11, 2026

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

### Ruth 1:6-14      *Love Among the Ruins*

<sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

- 1.) Why did Naomi tell her two daughters-in-law to return to their individual natural family when she herself had no other family? (6-13)
- 2.) What do Naomi's prayers reveal about how she sees God? (8-9)
- 3.) To what does Naomi attribute her plight? (13)
- 4.) Both Ruth and Orpah originally planned to stay with Naomi (10). What persuaded Orpah to return to her mother's house? (8-9, 11-13)
- 5.) What does Ruth risk in going with Naomi (10-14)? What five vows of faithfulness did Ruth make to her mother-in-law? (16-17)
- 6.) How should a Christian respond to the kind of tragedy experienced by Naomi? How would you respond to her?
- 7.) Share a time in your life when you were spiritually empty and afflicted. How did you respond to God and to others? What did God do in your situation? How have you been changed through that difficult season?
- 8.) Consider a relationship where you sacrifice to love someone. How does Jesus Christ's love for you make a difference in that relationship?
- 9.) Pray together in light of this week's passage.