

Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series	Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets
Sermon Title	Finding Our Story
Bible Texts	Ruth
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Please take time to enjoy and absorb the beautiful story of Ruth before reflecting on today's questions.

CONNECT – Getting to know one another

Question 1: Ruth was David's great-grandmother and a woman from humble beginnings. What interesting stories do you have about your ancestors? How have their stories influenced your life?

Question 2: Describe how God's care and provision was evident for you in a time you needed help.

EQUIP – Understanding God's word

Question 3: Ruth's story was both remarkable and ordinary. What made her story so impactful that it merited its own book of the Bible?

Question 4: God's fingerprints are all over the book of Ruth. What events stood out to you as you read through the book?

Question 5: What can be learned about Naomi, Ruth, and their situation from Ruth 1:1-5, 16-21?

Question 6: When Naomi chooses to go back to the land of Judah, she encourages her daughters-in-law to return to their mothers' homes. What factors would Ruth and Orpah need to consider?

Question 7: Why do you think Ruth was determined to go with Naomi?

Question 8: How did God provide for Ruth and Naomi when they returned to Bethlehem?

Question 9: How would you describe Ruth based on her actions in Ruth 1:16-18, 2:1, 17-18?

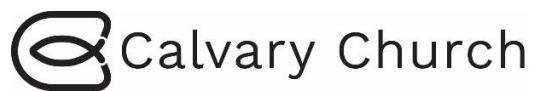
Question 10: How was Naomi's relationship with Ruth vital to the path Ruth was on?

Question 11: Describe Boaz as he helps Ruth. (2:8-9, 14-18)

Question 12: According to 4:5, how is Ruth affected by the kinsman-redeemer practice of the Israelites?

Question 13: Boaz became Ruth's kinsman-redeemer. How did Boaz fulfill this role?

Question 14: Whose lives in the story were impacted by Ruth's life?



Question 15: Christ's genealogy contains a "mixed marriage." Boaz married Ruth, a gentile from Moab. Why is that significant?

DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 16: How can Ruth's story give us and others hope when circumstances seem bleakest?

Question 17: In what ways have you experienced God's care and provision? Will you focus on these things this week and give God the credit?

Question 18: Ruth chose to align herself with Naomi and her God, and in doing so, she was greatly blessed. How have you been blessed by choosing God?

Question 19: How has your relationship with Christ impacted your relationship with others?