



Unlikely Friends

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone Answer: Do you or have you had an unlikely friendship?
 - What were the elements that made that friendship unlikely?
 - Why did the friendship happen in the midst of the unlikeliness?
 - Did the friendship persist? Why or why not?
 - Have you been an unlikely friend to someone else?
- Read Ruth Ch. 1
 - What are some of the circumstances surround Naomi and Ruth that make their friendship an unlikely one?
 - Reflect on your life. Have any of these same type of circumstances been a barrier for you in building relationship?
 - Naomi releases Ruth and Orpah from their familial obligations. Compare the responses of the daughter in laws.
 - Was Naomi right or wrong to release her daughter in laws? Based on what you read in scripture why do you think she did that?
 - Was Orpah right or wrong to respond the way that she did? Why do you think she did that?
 - Was Ruth right or wrong to reject Naomi's proposal? Why do you think she did that?
- What does it mean to you to have an uncommon friendship with someone? What are the elements that make a friendship uncommon?
 - In his teaching, Pastor Dave taught us that the thing that made Ruth's friendship to Naomi uncommon was that she sounded a lot like Jesus in her expression to Naomi. How was she like Jesus in her friendship?
 - What are the ways that you emulate Jesus in your friendships?
 - How does this differ with close friends vs. friends that aren't as close?
 - How has a friend emulated Jesus to you in your life?
 - Pray