

Sermon Discussion Questions  
**Recovering the Lost Art of Loyalty**  
The Book of Ruth  
January 22, 2017

1. Who in your life have you known (outside of Jesus, and your spouse (if you are married)) to be loyal and kind to you?
  - What characteristics or behaviors did/do you see in them that indicate their loyalty and kindness?
2. Read Hebrews 13:5-6. How have you experienced the Lord's loyalty like these verses describe?
3. Is loyalty actually loyalty when things are going well (e.g., the team is winning, we are doing well, everyone is in a positive place)? Why or why not?
  - Jeremy talked about being determined to be loyal. Can you be loyal and break off a relationship, or fire someone, or turn someone in, or even divorce someone? Explain.
  - How can we discern when we should stop being loyal?
4. Loyalty and kindness protect the vulnerable (read Proverbs 29:7). Are we practicing the lost art of loyalty through protecting the vulnerable? If not, or we are not sure, in what ways should we as a church be practicing this? Explain.
5. Agree or disagree with this statement, "Each of us draw false lines when we evaluate people" (i.e., we evaluate people using a wrong measuring line).
  - How do you see prejudices in our community?
  - How might God use us to evaluate people solely on the content of their character and how might He use us to raise the bar of excellence in how they allow Christ to shine in their lives?
  - What does Galatians 3:26-29 tell us about how we are to view others? What unifies us?
6. Rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 (1 = terrible, 10 = extremely loyal) on how loyal you feel you are. When are you most vulnerable to have that number go down? Explain.