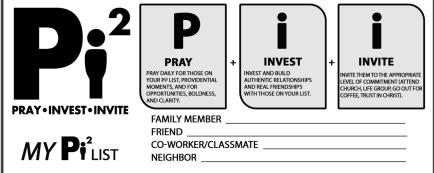
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## **Sermon Guide**

January 22, 2023 Ruth 1:1-18 Naomi's Family

**Theme:** God gives us family to serve us when we need help.

1. Sometimes, when were having a rough time of it, were not ready to <u>accept</u> the <u>help</u> we need.

2. The marks of a <u>nation</u> were ethnic, geographic, linguistic, and theological. Naomi and her family fled to a truly <u>foreign</u> country.

3.God joined Mahlon and Ruth in holy matrimony. Ruth was no longer a <u>foreigner</u>. She was <u>family</u>.

<u>4.LOVE</u> overroad Ruth's desire for self-preservation. <u>LOVE</u>, not the promise of riches. A husband, or salvation, moved Ruth to <u>serve</u> Naomi.