SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Ruth Chapter 1:1-22

1. What is something you learned in last weekend's message?

2. How did the message challenge you?

3. What similarities are there in the days of Judges and today? How do you feel about the time in which we live and how does it impact your relationship with God?

4. Elimelech and Naomi planned on going to Moab just until the drought in Judah ended. **V.2** ends that they "remained there" What kinds of things might take place if we don't trust God and take matters in our own hands disobeying God's word?

5. After Elimelech and his two sons died Naomi heard that the famine in Judah was over and decided to return to Bethlehem in Judah. What was Naomi trying to do in **vv.8, 11, and 15**? What was wrong with this? (Look at **Ps 67**)

6. God often gives us opportunities to share our faith. What kinds of things (excuses) keep us from doing so? What can we do to help us do a better job here?
    a. What keeps you from being ready to share your faith with both word and actions?

7. What is taking place in **vv.15-18**? What can we learn from Ruth in these verses? What attributes and character traits do we see in Ruth here? Are these things lacking in our culture? In our church? How?

8. Ruth comes to believe in and follow Naomi's God, Jehovah. Look up the following verses in the New Testament. What do we learn about how a person comes to saving faith from these verses? **John 5:21; 6:37-39, 44; Acts 13:48.**

9. Read **Ruth 1:19-22**, can you have your theology correct but an attitude that is wrong? What can we learn from this?

MY PERSONAL ACTION STEP:
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Give praise to God that He is faithful to us just as He was faithful to Ruth & Naomi. Pray for our elders as the seek God in finding ways to help bring healing and reconciliation to Bethany church. Pray for our pastoral staff as they work to meet the growing responsibilities of our church. Ask God to give you the desire, courage, and strength to be an agent of healing as we move forward in this next season.