



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 4 –RUTH: RETURN, RECOVER, REDEEM

TENSION

We self-absorb in and identify ourselves by our _____.

NOTES

Naomi _____ her trauma as her identity.

Ruth's initiative _____ her trauma from becoming her identity.

Ruth's initiative in her trauma invited Boaz's _____.

Ruth's initiative in her trauma _____ Naomi's identity from her trauma.

BIG IDEA

God _____ our trauma with His _____.

APPLICATION

We must _____ kindness when it is _____.

We must _____ the kindness we've _____ to others.

DIGGING IN

1. What is the appeal of isolation?
2. Why is it difficult to accept kindness?
3. Where in your life do you struggle to give kindness?
4. Have you witnessed healing through kindness? Share when.
5. Who in your life mirrors the unconditional kindness of Ruth?
6. How do you receive God's kindness or the kindness of others?
7. Who is most in need of God's kindness from you this week? How could you give it?

DIGGING DEEPER

Lau, Peter H.W., and Gregory Goswell. *Unceasing Kindness: A Biblical Theology of Ruth*. 2016.