

Ruth (Week 1)

A Story of Hope

The Ups & Downs

1. God takes our _____ and turns them into a _____.
2. How can we _____ to live on _____ so we can be _____ to the _____?

Scriptures used: Genesis 19:30-38; Leviticus 23:22; Ruth 1 & 2

Small Group Questions

Here are the small group questions for this week on Ruth 1...

1. Did you ever think that your family tree and the way you were raised was a barrier in your life to be successful? As Pastor Joel shared on Sunday morning, do you think your family tree is as "messed up" as Ruth's being a Moabite? And for that matter, it was the same family tree as Jesus (his earthly family tree that is).
2. Were you aware of God's command to the Israelites to not completely harvest their fields and to leave some to be gathered by the widows and foreigners? Pastor Joel then gave some practical tips on how we could honor God's command in today's world. What do you think about:
 - a. Creating a margin in your budget to be able to share with those in need
 - b. Providing a job for someone even if you are able to do the work yourself
 - c. Learning to be content with what you have – so there is more to share others
3. In what specific area of your life do you need hope restored?
4. Do the struggles of life leave you bitter or better? Explain.