



Look Back

- Group check in...what big things are going on in everyone’s lives? Maybe spend some time praying here at the beginning for all these things.
- *SGL: If you, the small group leader, were able to attend the SGL training this past week, share with the group what things were talked about that might be pertinent to your group.*
- Last week we discussed commitment and redemption and acting in righteousness. Were there any conversations, either with others outside the group or within these relationships about this?

Look Up

When you don’t see God...what do you do? When you feel alone or desperate or even just numb. What do you do? Do you look for places God is working? Do you try to push through and make your own decisions rather than waiting for God to work it out? Do you slow down and wait or speed up? What do you do when you don’t see what God is doing or where He is working in circumstances and situations?

This is what makes the story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz great: their response to a seemingly desperate situation. We see that this is the lineage of King David, of Israel itself, of Jesus and God’s people. We all find ourselves in these situations at one time or another. How we act in the midst of them, that’s what matters. When you don’t see God...what do you do?

Read Ruth 4:

- What do you learn about God?
- What do you learn about people (and yourself)?
- How does this make you a better disciple of Jesus?

Look Forward

- What does it look like to continue to follow Jesus through hard circumstances, even in the culture we live in? What would our culture tell us?
- How are you able to help others through times of not seeing God or knowing God? What has worked well and what has not?
- Is there anyone (maybe someone you have already engaged with Jesus’ message) that you can share this with or engage in conversation about this?
- Is there anyone in your group that is going through a season of not seeing where God is working? How can you encourage one another this week to continue to follow during this season? (maybe setting up a men’s time and women’s time to discuss or have breakfast or coffee is a good idea)

Spend time praying together.

(SGL NOTE: next week we start working through the Book of Jeremiah!)