



- *Three Funerals and A Famine Part II* -

Ice-Breaker:

Describe the process you went through to name your children. Did you understand the meaning before you named them?

What's the hardest part of knowing people are following you even if you didn't want them to? Do you embrace the moment of leadership, or do you find yourself pulling away from the moment?

Discussion Questions:

Read Ruth 1:1-6

1. What does the sons' intermarriage with Moabite women signify about God's invisible boundaries and upcoming grace outside ethnic Israel? Does this speak to any seasons in your life?
2. In what ways do Orpah and Ruth's ties to Naomi reflect human loyalty mirroring divine faithfulness?
3. How do we reconcile the compounding tragedies—losing a husband and both sons—with the character of a just God?
4. How does Naomi's transition from a state of total destitution preview the theology of redemption found later in the book?
5. What specific blessing did Naomi hear the Lord had provided to the people of Judah? Describe a moment where someone else was blessed, and you recognized your need to come back before the Lord.

Application:

6. Why does God remain seemingly silent and inactive while a faithful family suffers continuous bereavement in a foreign land?