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Cling to Her

(Ruth 1:3-5)

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Growth Group Discussion Questions

Children

1. God is a loving God even in times of devastation. He uses hard times to draw you near to Him. How can you show your dependence on God? Think of a hard time where God was good to you.
2. The Old Testament has many stories of God bringing people out of suffering, which points to the coming of Jesus Christ, our Messiah. Why do we need the redemption of our Messiah?
3. Jesus clings to us in the same way Ruth clung to Naomi. Jesus is asking us to cling to Him. Name some good habits you can develop to help you cling to Jesus.

Youth

1. Pastor gave some examples from the OT, that showed how everything pointed to Christ. Discuss some other OT stories and how they point to Jesus.
2. Discuss how the Christian's answer to the suffering in this world is different from any other world religion. Why is this important?
3. Is being a hero to your family and friends enough for you? In a world where fame is so sought after, how can we as Christians deny self-glorification?
4. Students: tell your dad/ father figure how their faith in Jesus has changed your life.

Adults

1. What stood out to you from the sermon?
2. Compare and contrast how Elimelech responded to crisis versus Ruth.
 - a. What are some of the ways that we see Ruth emulate the kindness and love of Jesus?
 - b. When you have been in crisis, what are some big or small ways that you have seen others demonstrate the kindness and love of Jesus?
3. Why does the Christian faith provide the best answer to suffering?
 - a. Read Romans 5:1-5. What type of transformation do we receive from suffering?
 - b. What are some other passages of Scripture we can turn to for comfort in times of despair?
4. Spend a few minutes in prayer, thanking God that He is sovereign.