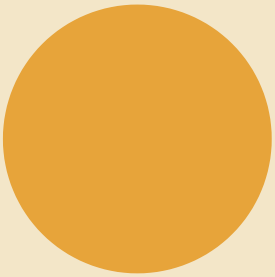
Ruth

LOYAL LOVE IN HARD YEARS



LARKHAVEN CHURCH · SMALL GROUP STUDY

WELCOME

Ruth

Four short chapters about famine, grief, loyalty and a God who works through ordinary kindness. One chapter a week.

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WEEK 1

Where you go, I will go

READ RUTH 1:1-22

Naomi has lost everything and tells her daughters-in-law to go home. Read Ruth 1:16-17 out loud as a group. Ruth stays. Loyal love, the Hebrew word hesed, is the thread through the whole book.

TALK ABOUT IT

> What made Ruth stay?

> Who has stayed with you in a hard season?

WEEK 2

Gleaning in the field

READ RUTH 2:1-23

Ruth goes to work in the fields of Boaz, who notices her and protects her. Read Ruth 2:12 and Leviticus 19:9-10, the law that left the edges of the field for the poor.

TALK ABOUT IT

> Where are the edges of your field?

> How can our group leave room for others?

WEEK 3

At the threshing floor

READ RUTH 3:1-18

A bold request in the night. Read Ruth 3:9. Boaz is a kinsman-redeemer, someone who steps in to rescue family. It's a picture the rest of Scripture keeps returning to.

TALK ABOUT IT

> When have you had to ask boldly for help?

> What does it mean to you that God redeems?

WEEK 4

A son is born

READ RUTH 4:1-22

The story ends with a baby, and a family line that leads to David (Ruth 4:17) and, in Matthew 1:5, to Jesus. Naomi's emptiness is filled.

TALK ABOUT IT

> Where have you seen God bring fullness out of emptiness?

> What will you carry from Ruth into this month?