

## **Ruth, Week 2, GDQ, April 28, 2024**

### **Text: Ruth 1:6-22**

**Context:** Given the deaths of her husband and two sons, Naomi, along with her two daughters-in-law, are plunged into a whole new reality of vulnerability, desperation, and danger. Being a foreigner in a strange land only makes matters worse for Naomi.

Yet, God is always moving and always up to something good.

Hearing that the famine has ended, and that abundant crops have once again arrived in her homeland, the three women pack up and begin the long arduous trip back to Bethlehem in Judah.

Now we begin to see Ruth surface in the story as a young woman with great resolve, courage, and noble character. Regardless of the risk, cost, and uncertainty Ruth declares that she wants what her mother-in-law has...her people and her God!

### **Going Deeper Questions**

- 1. Why can it be so difficult to get up and begin moving forward when you've just experienced an unexpected or unavoidable ending of some kind?**
- 2. Naomi heard how God was blessing her people once again and decided to move towards Him. Despite her sadness, confusion, and unknowns.**
  - a. How are you paying attention to what God is doing?**
  - b. How quick are you to move towards Him and become part of the story?**
- 3. Ruth enjoyed a front row seat to observe Naomi's life and faith.**
  - a. Who is observing your faith journey? What are they seeing?**
- 4. Your people my people; your God my God.**
  - a. What is Ruth saying about the relationship between people and God?**
  - b. Why is a local faith community so essential for one's life of faith?**
- 5. What is one thing you could do to make Sunridge a stronger, healthier, vibrant community of faith? Will you get up, move, and do it?**