



DISCUSSION GUIDE

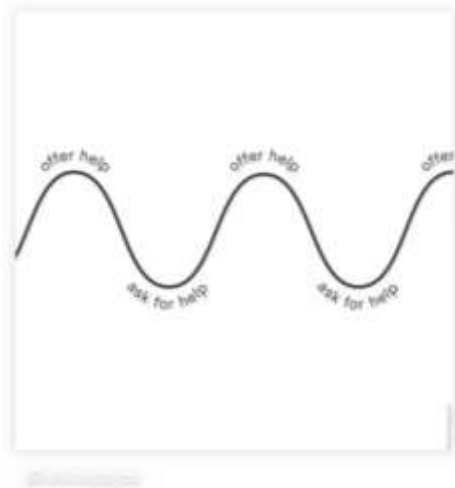
Ruth 1: He gives us Himself. He gives us each other.

GETTING STARTED

How did you find Westwood Church? What made you first begin attending? Have your reasons for attending changed since you started?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words? Was there anything that was difficult or anything you disagreed with?



Have you found it difficult to ask for help, or do you know someone for whom it is difficult? What do you suspect makes it difficult?

Have you had people in your life from whom you can ask for help? What things make up a good friendship?

Do you know anyone who is angry with God? Or have you ever seen someone (or even yourself) who had grown bitter eventually heal from the bitterness? If yes, what were the steps needed to heal?

In what ways have you held both grief and gratitude in both hands?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGES [Ruth 1:6-22, 1 Cor 15:19, Proverbs 14:10, Deuteronomy 23:6, Rev 21:3-4]

Why do you think Ruth continued on with Naomi?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:19. Why do you think Paul says we should be “pitied above all people” if Christ has not risen?

Read Proverbs 14:10. Have there been times where you have felt alone in your joy or your sorrow? Did you feel that God met you in those times? If yes, how so? If no, how did you get through that time?

Read Deuteronomy 23:6. What does God’s ultimate acceptance of Ruth into not only the FAMILY of God, but the LINEAGE of Christ tell you about God?

Read Revelation 21:3&4. How does this verse help us live today?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?

How can we pray for each other?