

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Ruth 1:1-13

1. What were Naomi's dreams and expectations for her life? How did they change? What happens to her faith when these changes occur?
2. According to vs 6-7, what is Naomi's plan, and where does her hope lie? Why does she feel hopeful at this news? What role can redemptive remembering (recalling God's role in the events of your life) play in times of suffering?
3. What are Ruth and Orpah leaving behind as they begin to journey with Naomi from Moab to Bethlehem? Describe a time when you had to journey away from "life" as you knew it.
4. Hesed love is described by Paul Miller in A Loving Life as one-way love, a combination of steadfast love and loyalty, "love without an exit strategy". Miller writes, "When you live with hesed love, you bind yourself to the object of your love, no matter what the response is." Relate how all three women demonstrate hesed love on their journey.
Naomi Ruth and Orpah
5. When have you experienced hesed love, either as the giver or receiver? What role did commitment play in the experience? What role did emotions play? By what means can you hold yourself accountable to committed love and loyalty in relationships instead of riding the waves of emotions?