

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Ruth 1: 14-22

1. Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah weep and lament the reality that is upon them. What hope is there for Ruth and Orpah if they stay with Naomi? Remembering the religion of each land, what hope is there for Ruth and Orpah if they return to their home?

Remain together:

Return home:

2. Paul Miller writes, "God often uses human agents to show his love." How does God answer Naomi's lament? When has the Lord answered your cries of lament through a relationship?

3. Dissect Ruth's hesed love (committed, steadfast love and loyalty) for Naomi and the Lord from verses 16-17.

Naomi:

Yahweh:

4. Verse 18 says, "When she (Naomi) saw that she (Ruth) was determined to go with her, she (Naomi) said no more to her." Ruth receives no immediate affirmation for her committed love to Naomi. How do you respond when you love someone and aren't shown love and thankfulness in return? Who is your heart serving when you are loving others?

5. Naomi returns to Bethlehem lamenting her emptiness. How is her lament authentic? How is her lament blinding her? Discuss with your group ways you have been cared for in seasons of lament that have been a blessing to you.