

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GETTING TO KNOW ME

Have you ever felt like God has abandoned you, or left you to endure trials alone? How have you dealt with those times in your life?

INTO THE BIBLE

Ruth takes place during the time of the Judges. Based on Judges 21:25, what was the main reason for Israel's repeated return to disobedience?

What is the fundamental flaw with everyone just doing what is right to them?

What choice does God place before the people in Deuteronomy 30:15-18 and Joshua 24:14-15?

What choice does He place before us?

Read the entire book of Ruth together as a group (about 15 min), being careful to make note of the parts that stand out to you or that you have questions about so you can discuss them together after the reading.

What part of the story of Ruth is most encouraging to you, and why?

APPLICATION

After seeing how God is intimately involved in every area of our lives, and wants to use even our suffering to bless us, what would you say to someone who is feeling abandoned by God?

How does seeing our lives through the "upper story" help give us get the right perspective in times of trial?

How has God used your hardships to draw you to Himself to redeem you?