

# Ruth

*Week 1: The First Chapter | Teacher: Libin Abraham*  
*Sermon Questions for 2.27.2022*

## Opener

What is the first difficult decision you remember making? How did you come to your decision?

## Read

Ruth 1

## Main Points

1. Abrahamic Covenant: Israel blesses the world. Ruth: An outsider blesses Israel and the world.
2. If the circle of people in your life are only insiders, people that look like you, talk like you and see the world just as you do, your circle may be comfortable, but it's too small.
3. In times of pain, offer to God and to each other your real self rather than your pretend self.
4. If you're living through pain now, write down where your pain comes from sometime this week.
5. In times of pain, we are prone to believe that God is great but not good.

## Engage with God in a Group

- What is your typical first response when circumstances aren't favorable?
- When you've struggled or experienced pain, what have you found to be most encouraging for you?
- God is both great and good. Why is it important to believe this truth, especially in our struggles?
- How did your faith inform your thoughts and actions when you experienced the biggest disappointment that you've personally had in your life?

## Bottom Line

The goodness of God is ultimately defined by the cross of Jesus, not by our circumstances.