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Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Ruth 1:15-18 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- As we talked about this part of God's Word, and specifically about Naomi's influence in Ruth's life, what stood out to you?

Diving In

- 1. Do you have any lifelong friendships? How have your friendships changed throughout the course of your life? What relationships were the most influential to your faith? How can you help others in their faith?
- 2. What is the best thing that anyone has ever taught you? How did it help you in your faith? What are some things that you would love the opportunity to teach others, and how could it help you to help others in their faith journey?
- 3. Spend some time in prayer, asking God who He wants you to reach out to. Write their names below, and pray for each one of them throughout this next week.
- 4. What are some practical steps that you can take to be more open to the Holy Spirit's leading in your life? How would doing those things help you in your relationship with the Lord?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
- How would applying this affect your life and your relationship with the Lord?
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