Sermon Discussion Questions
Wayside Chapel
March 27, 2022

RUTH 1:1-7

1. As the book of Ruth opens, what forces this family in Bethlehem to move to a foreign land? Where do they go? When do these events occur (according to 1:1)?

2. How did this somber situation for Elimelech and Naomi and their two sons become an opportunity for the demonstration of God's grace?

3. What is the next tragedy that befalls this family in 1:3? Talk about the impact that this loss would have had on them.

4. What is the next significant event that occurs in the life of this family? (v. 4)

5. What tragic loss takes place in verse 5? Why would Naomi still have hope while her two sons were still living? Discuss how this would have been Naomi and her daughters-in-law at risk in that society.

6. Naomi decides to return to her homeland in Judah when she hears "that the Lord had visited His people in giving them food". How does God visit you in His provision for your physical needs but, more importantly, how does He visit you with spiritual, daily bread?

7. Return is a key word in the book of Ruth. Naomi reverses the direction she and her husband had taken. She turned away from Moab and the errors of the past. This is an illustration of repentance—turning away from sin and instead turning to God. Why is repentance important in the Christian life?

8. Is there anything in your life right now that you need to repent and turn from and seek God's forgiveness? Ask others to pray for you in this area.