

Session



Personal Study Guide

God's Faithful Presence in the Midst of Grief

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Introduction

- Have you ever been in a place where you had to boil water in order to purify it?
- What happened when you brought the water to a boil? Did you see anything?

1. Naomi Emptied (Ruth 1:1-5)

- How do we see Naomi's suffering in these verses? Why do all people face suffering to some degree?

- Application: In what ways have you been emptied in your life? How did God use that suffering for your good and His glory?

2. Ruth Clung to Her (Ruth 1:6-18)

- What did Orpah and Ruth do when Naomi implored them to return to their parents' homes? When was a time you bonded with another believer through a time of great suffering?

- Application: When was a time when you were passing through a difficult time and the Lord showed His grace and kindness to you in a special way?

3. The Almighty Dealt Bitterly (Ruth 1:19-22)

- How should Christians think about suffering in their lives in light of God's control over all things?



Application: How have you wrestled with the idea of suffering and God's control in the world in your own life? How has He used suffering to make you more like Christ?

Conclusion



What trials and suffering have you had to pass through in your life? In what ways did God work in your life in the midst of that?



How can believing that God is working even in our suffering give us opportunity to share with others about the love of God?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Ruth 1:1-5
- Tuesday - Ruth 1:6-7
- Wednesday - Ruth 1:8-13
- Thursday - Ruth 1:14-15
- Friday - Ruth 1:16-18
- Saturday - Ruth 1:19-22

Here's How to Become a Christ-Follower:

Read the following verses and ask after each one: "What does this say to me?"

All have sinned: Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8

There is a penalty for sin: Romans 6:23 & John 3:18

You cannot save yourself: Titus 3:5 & James 2:10

Salvation has been provided: Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, & John 14:6

The conditions are simple: *Repent* - Luke 13:3, *Confess* - 1 John 1:9 & Romans 10:9, *Believe* - Acts 16:31

Now is the time for a decision: Joshua 24:15 & 2 Corinthians 6:2

Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians. Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).