

# A BOLD MOVE

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, October 14, 2018*

What preconceptions or prior experiences with the story of Ruth do you bring with you into this series?

As we begin reading this story, it's important to keep the following guidelines in mind:

1. This is a story about God.
2. The smaller story of Ruth illuminates the larger story of Scripture.
3. Ruth is not an American book; we can't help but read Ruth through a modern lens.

**Read Ruth 1:1-5.** What can we learn about the context and setting of this story from the prologue? What might a similar circumstance look like in our time? Why is this prefacing information important to our understanding?

**Read Ruth 1:6-18.** How does this conversation land with you? What stands out? What character stirs empathy in you? Why? What do you imagine was going on in the mind and heart of Ruth as she made her choice?

**Read Ruth 1:19-22.** What do you think it was like for Naomi as she returned home after a decade away? What might her experience have been like without Ruth alongside? Can you relate to Naomi's lament? How so?

Discuss the following **Big Ideas** for the Ruth series. What concept resonates most? What do you feel most skeptical or unsure about? What do you hope to discover and learn more about?

1. God often uses unlikely people in unexpected ways.
2. Bold moves require some heart.
3. God's love never quits.

**Pray together.**