

# THE SINFUL SPIRAL



## Series Guide 5

Use this guide for deeper discipleship  
as we journey together through

**GOD'S MAGNIFICENT WORD**

# THE SINFUL SPIRAL - WEEK 1



## MEMORY VERSE: RUTH 1:16

“Ruth replied, ‘Don’t urge me to leave you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God my God.’”



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

It took just one generation to turn away from their covenant with the Lord. What does Judges 2:10 say was the cause of this rebellion?

When the people broke their covenant with God was God still obligated to rescue them? How did God respond and in what ways does this show both justice and mercy?

What can we learn when things don’t go our way and we face difficulties? How can we learn to walk closer with God through these times?

The people of God in Judges 2 were drawn to sin in spite of God’s work to draw them back to obedience. Do you see any resemblance in your life to this type of pattern?

What attributes of the Judges are seen in Jesus and what characteristics of the Judges are not seen in Jesus?

# JUDGES 2:11-19

## SERMON NOTES

## FAMILY CORNER

MEMORY VERSE FOR YOUNG KIDS: Your people will be my people, and your God my God.” (Ruth 1:16)

There are many places in the Bible where we see God’s chosen people spiraling in sin. Good news is, God continually wants to rescue us, and Jesus came to do just that - rescue us from our sin! Where do you see the spiraling of sin in our own lives, or the lives around us, or in the world today? Intentionally spend time praying together for God to rescue us, others, and our world from sin!

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## THE SINFUL SPIRAL - WEEK 2



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### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

How would Gideon describe himself before God calls him? What language does the angel use to describe Gideon in Judges 6:12 and how would this have surprised Gideon?

Why did God want the altars to Baal physically torn down? What things have we allowed to be present in our life that God wants physically removed?

God seems to want Gideon to go into battle in a weakened state. Why do you think God would desire this for Gideon? How might God be calling us to be in the same position in our lives today? (Judges 7:1-8)

How does feeling sufficient and strong stand in the way of knowing Jesus as He wants to be known? (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Gideon was seeking clarity from God, so he asked and received a sign from God through the fleece. Does God still interact with His people in this way today? What role does the Holy Spirit play in this? How can we be more open and aware of the ways God is communicating to us?

# JUDGES 6:11-24

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Gideon was just one of many judges who led Israel. Some judges were good, some were bad, and some were barely discussed. This week, spend some time as a family learning about a few of the other judges God provided His people. Remember the cycle that occurred with every judge: people sinned, people repented, God delivered, there was peace, then people sinned all over again!

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## THE SINFUL SPIRAL - WEEK 3



### MEMORY VERSE: RUTH 1:16

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### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Ruth is an example of loyalty and faithfulness. What can we learn from Ruth so we can be more devoted to the people in our lives?

God provides for Ruth in very practical ways. How has God provided for you in your time of need?

Ruth did not allow her past to define her. How can we do the same in Christ?

How likely was a future of hope and happiness for Ruth in the beginning of the book? Do you sometimes underestimate what God has in store for you?

Boaz acted as a redeemer, and Ruth’s faithfulness led to her being grafted into God’s inheritance (Matthew 1:5). This lineage leads to Jesus, the true Redeemer, coming into the world. How does Ruth’s faithfulness point to our response to the true Redeemer? What is the significance of the genealogy at the end of the book of Ruth?

# RUTH 3:1-13

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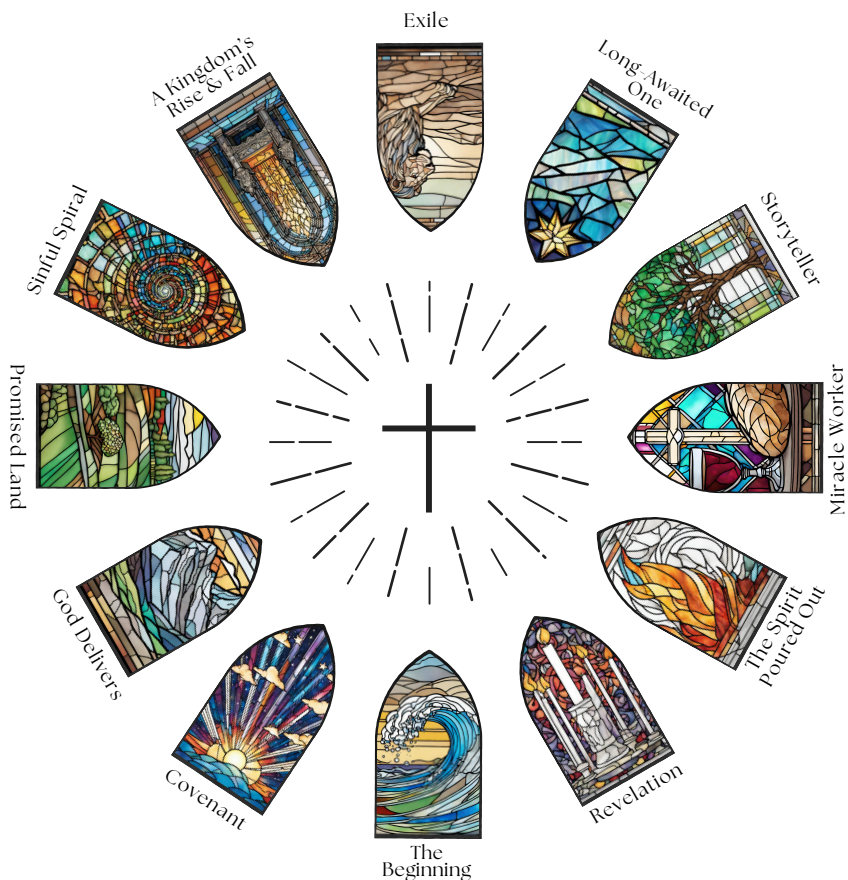
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In the story of Ruth, God showed His faithfulness to a woman who wasn't an Israelite but chose to follow Him. God shows His faithfulness to us too, but sometimes we struggle to see it. This week, spend some time creating a family prayer box – decorate it however you choose. Use a wooden box, cereal box – whatever. Write down family prayer requests and pray about them daily. If you feel inspired, include scripture with your requests! Wait and trust God for His answers – even if we don't see them right away!

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Our purpose is to journey into Scripture, God's unified story leading to Jesus, who invites us into a new way of life and continues God's story in us through the transforming work of the Holy Spirit.