

Naomi's Conflict
Ruth 1:6-13
September 15, 2024

Discussion Questions: Remember, these questions are a conversation starter and a general guide, not an exact script.

1. In v. 7, what are the two directions of repentance that we see? Where did Naomi turn from, and where did she turn to? How is this a template for genuine repentance in our lives - what are we to turn from, and what are we to turn to?

2. What is the real reason why Naomi tells her daughters-in-law to return to Moab (v. 13)?

3. In vv. 8-13, what did Naomi first say about the character of God? What was her final statement about the character of God? Is it possible for both views of God to take residence within our hearts and minds? How was Naomi better able to see the true character of God in the lives of others instead of in her own life? How is this instructive for us as we battle conflicting thoughts of God, and we as we help those whose minds are conflicted about who God is?

4. If you could speak to Naomi after she finishes speaking in v. 13, how would you comfort her and what would you say to her?

5. Has there been a time in your life when you thought that God was punishing you for your past sins and would not stop? If so, how do the truths of gospel - the fact that Christ died for you - help you overcome those kinds of thoughts? What false views of God must be rejected, and what true views of God must be believed?