

# Home Group Discussion Guide for Naomi: The Emptied Giver

Ruth 1-4

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

**Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked**, instead respond to the needs of your group.

If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

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## GETTING STARTED

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1. What is your favourite way to relax when you are stressed or overwhelmed?
2. What stood out to you/ challenged you from the message this week?

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## REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

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Key Scriptures: *Ruth 1; Ruth 2:11-12; Ruth 4:14-17*

*Read Ruth 1:19-21*

1. What had led to Naomi feeling this way?
  - Can you relate to how Naomi was feeling in this space?
2. Iain shared 4 questions to help guide us when we feel tired, worn down and emptied.
  - WHAT is God doing in your life? (Looking for God's providence)
  - WHO won't leave you alone? (Looking for individuals that can encourage us)
  - WHERE are my people? (Looking for a community to belong)
  - WHY might this matter to others? (Looking for how God might redeem our suffering)

Take the opportunity to discuss each question and how it is relevant for you

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## RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

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1. Which one of these questions do you find the easiest to answer / identify?
2. Which is the most difficult?
3. Pick one of these questions – How will you intentionally focus and engage with this question this week?

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## OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

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Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

