

Series: Ruth From Ruin to Restoration Ruth 1:6-22

## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

- 1. Joni Eareckson Tada's life is a powerful example of God's rhythm of hope taking her from ruin to restoration. Share a time when you have experienced a broken dream and you first moved into survival mode.
- 2. Naomi felt her daughters-in-law were better off without her. What mix of emotions and grief do you think she was experiencing? Discuss.
- 3. When our dreams are shattered, like Naomi, why do we become resigned that we'll never know happiness or joy again? Why do we think others deserve happiness and joy but not us?
- 4. Ruth chose to cling to Naomi and her God Jehovah in her crisis of loss. In what ways have you been tempted to reject the living God and turn away from him because of your broken dreams. Discuss.
- 5. Dr. Larry Crabb writes that in the rhythm of hope, we must walk a sometimes long and difficult road, beginning with God replacing a false happiness with despair. Why do our dreams often need breaking?

## **Closing Questions:**

- A. What did the Holy Spirit TELL YOU during the teaching Sunday?
- B. What did the Spirit tell you to DO about it?
- C. How can we HELP YOU by our prayers and support?