



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Quiet Resistance: Quiet Loyalty** | Ruth 1

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### Connecting

1. How would you define "loyalty"?
2. Have you ever had someone stick with you during a difficult time? What was that like?

### Understanding

1. Read Ruth 1:1-2. What clues do you see in verses 1-2 that things are not going to go well in this story (at least at first)?
2. Read Ruth 1:3-7. Tragedy strikes in verses 3-5. Why would this be a particularly bad situation for women in the ancient world? What glimmer of hope is given in verses 6-7?
3. Read Ruth 1:8-13. Why do you think Naomi insists that Orpah and Ruth return to their families of origin? Why do they refuse to go?
4. Read Ruth 1:14-22. The word "hesed" means love characterized by a passion for the well-being of others and a commitment to do what is right. How does Ruth show extraordinary hesed in these verses?

### Living

1. Is it possible to be loyal to God and to others? What does that look like? What makes it difficult in today's culture? How might this involve "quiet resistance"?
2. The Bible is full of examples of God's loyalty to specific people (Abraham, David, etc.). How have you seen God's loyalty in your life?
3. Read Exodus 34:6. Think of God's hesed to you. Pray that he would help us grasp the hesed he has for us, and that he would help us live lives of hesed and quiet resistance.

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