



Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: Road Trip Week 2: June 9, 2019

Recap:

- In the book of Ruth, Naomi believes that God no longer favors her: Famine had forced her from her home, then her husband dies, then her sons die, and now, because she loves them deeply, she has to say goodbye to the only family she has left and leave to her native home.
- Ruth, Naomi's daughter-in-law, however, does not leave Naomi, and they go to Bethlehem together. In Bethlehem, Ruth marries Boaz, who was a relative of Naomi, and from this marriage comes the line of King David, who is the ancestor of Jesus as well.
- Ruth's love for and loyalty to Naomi is inspiring and points to us the sacrifice love that we should show together one another in God's Kingdom.
- At the Last Supper, Jesus promises to his disciples that he will send the Holy Spirit to be with them wherever they go. This promise was fulfilled on Pentecost.
- When we follow Jesus, we accept that the Holy Spirit will be with us on our various journeys and that, like Ruth was to Naomi, God will stay loyal to us.

Discuss:

1. READ Ruth 1:6-19
2. Ruth, whose husband had died, stays with her mother-in-law Naomi even though she had no obligation to her. Why do you think Naomi might have wanted Ruth to separate from her? Why do you think Ruth wanted to remain with Naomi?
3. Why do you think Ruth's loyalty to Naomi is noteworthy? How can this story serve as an inspiration for Christians?
4. READ John 14:26
5. What do you think the disciples were expecting when Jesus said that he would send the Holy Spirit?
6. Why do you think we humans need something like the Holy Spirit in our lives?
7. READ Acts 1:8
8. How do you think the Holy Spirit comes on a person?
9. What do you think is the connection between the story of Naomi and Ruth and Pentecost?
10. In your road trip, what lessons are you taking from this series?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.