

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Ruth 1:6-9,16-17; 2:2-3,8-12; 4:13-17

Session Summary

In the previous session we saw God humiliate the proud, in Samson. Once again we saw that God uses the weaknesses of His people to reveal His true strength. God's desire is to use the weak and foolish things of the world to confound the supposed strong and wise. Now, we turn our attention to the story of Ruth, a Moabite woman who lived during the period of the judges, where we see how God loves and cares for the humble, the needy, and the lonely. We will see that God wants to make His matchless love known to Ruth and her family. And God continues to want to make His redeeming love known to every tribe, language, and nation. No matter how hopeless and desperate the situation may be, the Lord's redeeming love is ever-present and stronger still.

Conversation Questions

- When have you misinterpreted or doubted God's love? Why?
- What does the story of Ruth teach us about God's love and provision in the midst of sorrow and pain?
- In what ways can we love one another in the ways God loves us?
- Who in your life needs to hear about the redeeming love of God in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Family Challenge

As a family, discuss the quote from Tim Keller related to being a Christian. He says, "Being a Christian is not to say, 'I promise to really try hard. I'll try to live like Jesus. I'll try to come to church. I'll try to obey the Ten Commandments.' No! What it means to become a Christian is to say, 'Spread your garment over me. Be my redeemer!' Do you know what Jesus will say? 'I will. Even though it cost me everything, I will.'"

Afterward, discuss the importance between the two approaches Keller mentions—the one that tries to earn it through good works and the other that recognizes that no amount of good works is enough and the only thing is to simply appeal to God's grace and mercy.