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Ruth

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*Naomi's Story*

Sovereign

Loving

**SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM JANUARY 19, 2020 SERMON**

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Do you believe in a Sovereign and Loving God?

When trials come your way which of these two aspects of God do you tend to doubt?

What hardships or troubles have you had or when have you felt overwhelmed by circumstances?

How have your hard times affected the way you think about God, or how you have interacted with Him?

List several problems Naomi faces or worries she might have? Which would most worry you if you were in her situation?

If you were assigning blame for all that happened to Naomi's family, who might you say was responsible, and why? Consider the possibilities.

What difference might it make who Naomi feels is responsible for her troubles?

Notice Naomi's beliefs and feelings about God. Do any of these seem either wrong or admirable, and why?

Which of these beliefs and feelings about God has been part of your own life? Explain.

-Like Naomi, I can believe that God remains in charge even when life is bitter.

Name one way you can rely on God's care?

-Like Naomi, I can entrust family members and loved ones to God's care.

Name one way you can do this?

-Like Naomi, I can move toward life with God's people instead of hiding away in my own country.

Be specific on what this would look like.

-Like Naomi, I can be honest with God about my feelings and frustrations.

Name one way you can draw personally closer to God.