

CONNECT GROUP NOTES

Sunday 11th October

The Story I'll Tell – How to live beyond loss, grief and heartbreak

Welcome

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group

What story in the Bible has had the most profound effect upon you walk with God?

On Sunday we looked at the story of Ruth. What part of this amazing account holds the most meaning for you?

We have all faced loss at some time – can you share how God has helped you at a time when you were bereaved?

Start Exploring: Read Ruth 1:16

Why do you think Orpah chose to return to Moab and Ruth chose to journey on to Bethlehem with Naomi?

Can you think of a time when a decision you made affected the route your life took in a very positive way?

Ruth chapter two introduces Boaz as someone whose response to Ruth began to turn her story around.

Boaz became an instrument of God's **PROVIDENCE** for Ruth and Naomi. His kindness and compassion enabled them to rebuild their lives after significant loss and heartbreak.

What similarities do you see in Boaz and all he did for Ruth, with Christ and his ministry in our lives?

Start Reflecting:

Ruth's story ends with the remarkable connection to the genealogy of King David and then Jesus' earthly family. Seeing our lives in the bigger picture of God's eternal story is one way of looking beyond the problems, pains and losses we face in life.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

How does the eternal hope we have help us move beyond the negative and painful experiences of life?

Start Praying:

Spend some time praying for each other, and in particular any current challenges people in your group may wish to share.