



## GOING DEEPER AT HOME

### WEEK I: DECISIONS WERE MADE

We all make decisions every day, many of them without a lot of thought because they are such a routine part of our life. But some of the decisions are made as a result of what is going on in our life, as a result of hard times, decisions that in the moment seem logical but take us away from God. While these decisions impact the lives of others and may make us feel far from God, there is always the invitation from God to make the decision to come home.

#### SCRIPTURE:

Ruth 1

#### GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. Share a decision you made that you are thankful you made and a decision you made that later on when you had more information you realized was not so good.
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. The language that describes Elimelech's move to Moab suggests this was only to be for a short period of time, until the famine was over. Perhaps Elimelech rationalized his decision as being necessary until the famine was over. Why do we rationalize our decisions to move from God as being only for a short period of time? When have you done this in your life?
4. Describe a time when someone's decision impacted your life. What was the impact and how did you respond to it?
5. Naomi's name means "sweet one," but after her husband and sons die she changes her name to Mara which means "bitter." How have the hard times in your life changed you?
6. Even though Naomi is bitter with God for how her life has gone, she decides to go back to Bethlehem, back to God. What keeps you from deciding to move toward God when life is hard or not going the way you hoped it would?
7. What step is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take in response to this?