



Welcome to Week One of REDEEMER!

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Questions for Reflection or Discussion:

1. Naomi and Ruth experienced both blessings and heartaches, just as we do. **Ecclesiastes 7:14** tells us, “When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other.”

What good have you seen come from a recent difficulty in your life? If you’ve yet to see any positive outcomes, how might you keep from losing heart? In what ways has God comforted you during this hard season?

2. **Proverbs 25:25** reminds us, “Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.” No question, Naomi’s soul was parched, and the report of God’s provision in faraway Judah was definitely welcome.

Naomi used the Hebrew word *shubh* a dozen times—return, return, return. Might God be calling you to return to something of value? A relationship? A daily habit? A commitment to give generously or grow spiritually? What could you do this week to begin moving in that direction?

3. **Deuteronomy 10:16** says, “Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer,” which brings to mind Naomi’s daughter-in-law Orpah.

What does it mean, to be “stiff-necked,” and why might that be a fitting description of Orpah? Do you see her as obstinate or obedient? Callous or caring? How do you view her small but significant role in this biblical story? And how might her decision to go back instead of go forward speak to you?