

## FUSION Q's... Ruth 1 – Desperate Times

### *Discussion Questions*

- Q1. What stood out to you in the talk/story of Ruth tonight?
- Q2. Do you normally respond to desperate times with despair or hope? Explain why you think this is.
- Q3. What does it mean to you personally to know that God sees you, knows you, and cares for you and what you are going through?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

- Q4. How does it make you feel to know that God chooses unlikely people to do extraordinary things?
- Q5. Why do you think God chooses the “unlikely”?
- Q6. What is the significance of being “made right with God”?
- Q7. According to our Romans passage, where does our hope come from?
- Q8. Paul says that this hope will not lead us to disappointment. How can we be sure of this?
- Q9. Is it possible for you to respond to desperate times with hope like Ruth did? How can this happen?

### **Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion**

#### **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. <sup>27</sup> Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. <sup>28</sup> God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. <sup>29</sup> As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup> God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.”

#### **Romans 5:1-5**

Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.

<sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.