



## Ruth's Trust -- Week 2

### Announcements

**101 Starting Point** -- Sunday, October 6th, at 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at [www.churchoftheking.com/register](http://www.churchoftheking.com/register)

**401 Small Group Training** – Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Little Creek Campus. This last step in PATHWAY is going to prepare you to fulfill God's purposes for your life by teaching you how you can help people grow in their relationship with Christ. Register at [www.churchoftheking.com/register](http://www.churchoftheking.com/register)

### Warm-up

Do you stop and ask for directions when you get lost? Why or why not?

Life is full of transitions and it is how we navigate the transitions that determine the direction of our life. One of the greatest determinants of whether we will successfully go through transition is how much we trust in God.

Today we are going to explore Ruth's life and how her trust in God and the relationships He placed in her life determined her life's path. Furthermore, by trusting God and those divinely appointed relationships, we can allow Him to guide us into our god-given purpose.

### Word and Application

Do you think most people see their relationships as tools to help them or barriers to fulfilling their purpose? Why?

**Read Ruth 1:8-17** as we begin to explore how to grow in our relationships in order to fulfill our god-given purpose.

For God to build your life to its full potential and in order to endure the hardest seasons of life, you need to learn to rely on the special people God brings into your life.

**Read Ruth 1:15.** Ruth had to make a decision at this critical point in her life. She was given the opportunity to leave a relationship with Naomi. It took courage to stay with Naomi. Let's **read Ruth 1:16** to see how Ruth reacts to her mother-in-law, Naomi.

How does Ruth's reaction set an example of how we should respond to god-ordained relationships?

**Read Hebrews 10:24-25.** According to these verses, what role should relationships with other Christians play in our relationship with God?

God places us in god-ordained relationships to help us grow closer to Him and to fulfill the purpose He has for our lives.

How have god-given relationships helped you walk through life's challenges?

**Read Ruth 4:13.** Boaz, a relative of Naomi, married Ruth and God gave them a son. Boaz and Ruth's son, Obed, ends up being King David's grandfather. We can trace Jesus' lineage to King David. The marriage between Ruth and Boaz would not have occurred unless Ruth had been faithful to her relationship with Naomi. Therefore, Ruth's faithfulness resulted in her being a part of the lineage of Jesus Christ.

How has today's discussion helped you view the god-given relationships in your life with greater importance?

What can you do to guard the relationships in your life that God is using to help you fulfill your purpose?

## Prayer

Ask God to help each person in your small group to embrace the god-given relationships in their lives. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.