



Go Deeper, 15th Jan 2023 Ruth 1

Dear Miners,

I hope you enjoyed the beginning of our journey through Ruth.

There were so many great points that caught my attention. I was particularly struck by Sue's drawing out of *Hesed*, God's steadfast love for us which we are called to gradually embody, and which Ruth models. I was also inspired by thinking about Salt Yeasts and Light, all of which have a large transformative effect from small starts. That gave me hope, that our *Hesed* behaviour as individuals and as a church will be part of our Kingdom labour.

Here are some questions to explore, on your own or with your small groups:

- Do you recognise the mix of attitudes to our global neighbours, that mix of friendly aliens and outsiders to be marginalised? Who do we treat with dignity, and who do we leave at the side, as a nation, a church, or individuals?
- Have you ever felt like an outsider? Have you then been included? How did that feel?
- Is there a Godly characteristic in Ruth or Naomi that you would like to see grow in yourself? How could you cooperate with God to encourage that?
- Is there anyone you know or know of who is in crisis? How could you encourage and support them?

Every Blessing

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The whole video giving an overview of Ruth can be seen [here](#).

Sue mentioned *Struggle in Babylon: Racism in the Cities and Churches of Britain*, by Ken Leech which is still available. Other useful resources on racism in modern Britain and how we can be part of dismantling it include Reni Eddo-Lodge's *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, *Ghost Ship* by Azaraiyah France-Williams, and *We Need To Talk About Race* by Ben Lindsay. The last two look specifically at racism in the church.