

“I DON’T ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT”

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MESSAGE RECAP

Here at Northland, we are starting off a new year with honesty. Sometimes being honest is hard, especially when it means you don’t always get it right. This week we opened to a small book in the Bible called Ruth. We are introduced to family who decided to move away from God’s plans and experienced real tragedy. In those moments, we can become like Naomi and become bitter. We can all come to conclusions about ourselves and our God that are not true.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you? Why?
2. Read [Ruth 1:1-5](#) and talk through different ideas that stand out. How would you respond in this setting? What would you do differently?
3. We said, “There is a fine line between taking responsibility and trusting in God’s Sovereignty.” In what way did their family cross that line? In what ways do we cross that line? Key Question: In what ways are you getting ahead of God?
4. When Naomi returns to Bethlehem, she no longer wants to be called by her name but wants to be associated with her circumstances. [Read Ruth 1:19-21](#)
 - a. Key Question 2: In what ways are you identifying with your circumstances?
 - b. How does that change when we place our identity in Christ? [Read Colossians 1:13-14.](#)
5. Naomi returns home and has drawn some conclusions about God. Reread [Ruth 1:20-21](#). In what ways is she right? In what ways did she get it wrong?
 - a. Key Question: In what ways are you drawing the wrong conclusions?
 - b. Encourage the group to read the rest of the book of Ruth.

PRAY