

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Covenant Community”

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Big Idea:

“Love God by living to help others flourish.”

Main Text:

Ruth 1



Discussion Points

- “A covenant community is a community that pronounces their faith in Jesus Christ by binding themselves to one another in truth and love so as to make the flourishing of the other their chief aim in life.”
 - Name the ways your family is a covenant community.
 - Name the ways BHBC and your small group are covenant communities.
 - In what ways do you personally need to change and grow so your family, church and small group can become a purer expression of such a covenant community? Be specific.
- “Covenant community is important because it liberates the individual from self-centered communities of convenience and places them at the heart of God’s mission to redeem creation. It is here that the individual loses the self of their own making and finds the self of Christ’s making. As a result the community flourishes and Christ is pronounced to the world.”
 - In what ways are you tempted to use your family, our church, or small group as communities of convenience instead of carrying out God’s mission of living with unreserved fidelity and sacrificial giving?
 - How would you be different in your relationships if you loved like Ruth loved Naomi?
- Cultivating covenant community

SCRIPTURE, SPIRIT, SELF: How do the Word, Spirit and people of God help you live sacrificially for others? How could you take greater advantage of these “life lines” to help you be more fully devoted to God and others in community?
REACH: *Who* could you reach out to in order to invite them into the warmth of BHBC’s covenant community? *How* could you reach out to them? *Will* you? *When*?
RISK: Reaching out and sacrificially loving others requires risk. What specific risks will you take? Be specific. Will you do it?
RESTRUCTURE: What restructuring in your life will happen or need to happen as a result of these changes?