

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Ruth 1:1-5

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- *If you could turn the clock back 10 years, what would you do differently?*

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat introduced the Book of Ruth with three questions we should ask ourselves today.**

Three Questions We Must All Answer:

1. What's Your Name?

- Do you know what your name means? Do you feel like you live up to that name?
- Names in ancient times were almost synonymous with one's character or lifestyle.
 - Elimelech means "God is my king" // Naomi means "pleasant" // Isaac means "laughter" // Esau means "hairy one" // Jacob means "heel grabber" or "deceiver"
- If you are a Christ-follower, how has your name (your character or lifestyle) been redefined by Jesus?
- Are there moments when you still live as if your name hasn't changed? Talk about those times.

2. Where Are You From?

- Are you willing to embrace the messiness of people in your group? Are you willing to trust them with your messiness? If you're willing, tell your group about some moments or decisions from your past that you don't often talk about.
- Looking back over your past, are there ways that you can see God fitting events, circumstances, and people together to bring Him glory?
- Take a moment to stop and encourage each other in your group to see what God has done in each person's life. It's possible that someone in your group just needs a person to speak life into him/her!

3. Where Are You Headed?

- In Ruth, the region of Moab represented evil, sin, and even more disgust. Christopher Ash said, "There is an allure about Moab, but - like all the kingdoms of the world and their glory - it is a deceitful seduction. It promises life but can only give death."
- Are you satisfied with where you are spiritually right now? Are you as close to Jesus as you want to be? Have you been enticed by the lure of "Moab"?
- The quickest way back to where you need to be is to just turn around. What are some areas in which you need to repent, turn around, and pursue change in order to be more like Jesus?
- What will you do this week to take some small but meaningful steps in a direction that moves you closer to Jesus?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Take a few moments as a group to praise God for His providence, direction, and grace in your lives.

