

# RUTH TRAGEDY



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## Discussion Questions

1. Talk about a time when you were quick to point the finger upon seeing tragedy in others' lives. What were some of the "why's" that you assigned to someone else's circumstance?
2. Share about a situation in your life (past or present) when you asked, "Is there any hope?"
3. Read Luke 13:1–5. What perspective does Jesus take regarding this tragedy? How should this inform your response to painful circumstances in your life, others' lives or in the world?
4. What biblical promises have sustained you in times of desperation, pain and brokenness?
5. Ruth is a story of migration. How could understanding the reality of peoples' desperate situations help the current discussion regarding immigration and refugees?
6. If there were current hopeless situations in your responses to question 2, spend some time praying the promises of God over them.

Book Suggestion: *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario

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