

**Lesson #2-6*****Ruth Follows Naomi***

Ruth 1:1-17

**Key Verse:**

“Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God my God.”

Ruth 1:16

**The Point:**

Like Ruth, we should love others.

**Unit Theme (September 29—October 13):**

Responding to God's Love

## Serving Refugees

*In each Living the Word: Small Groups guide (as with all of our main products), we include instructions on how to do a particular faith practice related to the day's Bible reading.*

For the past three weeks our small group discussion guides have suggested creating a service project related to refugees, as the people of Israel were in fleeing slavery in Egypt, and now Naomi's family escaping a devastating famine.

Within a single worship service, group meeting, or class, you probably will not have time to research, plan, and implement a full service project, you can look at the following suggestions.

Take time to teach about or have participants research this topic.

- ◆ What is a refugee?
- ◆ What are some of the needs of refugees or special requests from groups that support refugees?
- ◆ What can your congregation or individual participants do to help (or what are you already doing)?

If possible, create a concrete plan to serve the needs of refugees and follow up in the coming weeks.

*Possible sources: United Nations Refugee Agency, International Rescue Committee (IRC), American Refugee Committee, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Your denomination might have their own organization as well.*