



January 10, 2021

Series - Membership: We Pursue Relationships

Text - Ruth 1:15-18

Title - We Pursue Relationships, Part Two

Outline

I. 4 blessings of pursuing relationships

- 1) They double our joys
- 2) They halve our sorrows
- 3) They shape our character
- 4) They guide our steps

II. 4 ways to experience those blessings

- 1) Talk face to face
- 2) Live side by side
- 3) Eat around the table
- 4) Encourage from the heart

Questions

- 1) Icebreaker - When was a time in your life that you experienced loss or hardship, and a certain relationship kept you going?
- 2) Read Ruth 1:15-18. Why would it have meant the world to Naomi for Ruth to remain with her? Why do you think Ruth did?
- 3) Why is it that a friend draws something unique out of us? How has your character been shaped by a friend?
- 4) Which blessing do you want to pursue most: talking face to face, living side by side, eating around the table, or encouraging from the heart?
- 5) Read Ruth 4:14-17. From Ruth's relationship with Naomi eventually came the greatest blessing, Jesus Christ. Do you really believe your relationships can change the world? Why or why not?

Next Sunday's sermon passage - Genesis 2:18