

This is My Story Part 3 Small Group Questions

Announcement:

Don't forget to choose a food to help out with for the Hero Dinner.

Conversation Starter

1. When is a time you wanted to run away but decided to stay instead?

Digging Deeper

1. Read: Ruth 1:16-18. The story of Ruth is a tragic story for Naomi with the death of her husband and two sons in a foreign country. By staying, Ruth did a very selfless thing.
 - a. When have you seen someone be very selfless by staying?
2. Read Ruth 1:19-21. Naomi became very negative and blamed God for her life circumstance.
 - a. Why is easy to become negative and blame God when life circumstances are not what we envisioned in life?
 - b. How can it be difficult to stay around people who have become negative and blame God?
3. Read James 1:2-4.
 - a. Why do we have trouble seeing the hand of God when things are going bad?
 - b. Why is so easy to stop or leave when things are going bad in life?
4. Jim stated, "Faith requires perseverance. Perseverance requires that you STAY!"
 - a. Share a time in your life when you persevered ("stayed") through a situation and you have seen your faith grow?
5. Read Ruth 2:19-20. The words of Naomi are very different than her previous words where she had the realization Ruth that God was not done with her.
 - a. How can you connect Ruth staying with Naomi and Naomi then claiming that God is faithful?
 - b. When did a person stay by you and in the process, you realized that God is faithful?
 - c. Who is someone that needs you to stay?
6. Read Ruth 4:18-22.
 - a. How did God honor Ruth for staying? (She was included in the family tree of Jesus.)
 - b. When have you seen God honor you or someone else for staying?

Gender Breakout

1. What is one area of life where you need to stay, even though it might be easy to leave or stop?

