

Shadowlands
Study Questions
April 3, 2016
Ruth 1:1-18

1. Where is the darkest locale you have ever visited?
2. Does darkness make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think the darkness of suffering makes it so hard to see God?
4. Does it seem incongruent to discuss seeing God/finding God with darkness?
5. What passages in the Bible discuss God and darkness in a positive way?
6. Why do you think Ruth decided to stay with Naomi/Mara?
7. In the darkness of this situation, Ruth could somehow still see God using uncommon sense. What does that mean to you?
8. Contrast some of the common sense of the world versus the uncommon sense of God when it comes to suffering.
9. Has there been a time when someone saw you at your worst and yet they stuck around? Are you willing to share?
10. Challenge to see in the dark this week: share a dark situation where you will make an effort to practice uncommon sense and uncommon grace.