



# THE DOMINO EFFECT

THE STORY OF RUTH

WEEK 3: JUNE 5-10, 2017

## OVERVIEW

We recently talked about the gamble of our faith, that sometimes we take a leap out there and we don't know what'll happen. That's scary, but it's rewarding. It's rewarding because the God of the universe is upholding us all the time. That's good news. That's the kind of Good News that will change your life.

This week is about how the story culminates, we come to the Closing Point. The point where all of the dominos fall and we're able to look back and see what our little bit of faith in God resulted in. Keep in mind that this isn't about us, it's about seeing the power of God at work. We also need to remember that God doesn't just come and at our beck and call, but He responds to the prayers of His children because He's merciful. The answered prayer can also outlast our lifetime, making sure we're unable to take credit for the thing God is doing. I'm all for God getting the glory, you can be, too.

## HOW TO USE THIS PIECE OF PAPER

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- **Meet** with God through the text and then answer truths about the Bible texts.
- **Move** to a greater understanding by answering the study questions with other people. Discuss them with your spouse, or a friend, or begin a discipling relationship with someone using the information given.
- Our time of study and growth should lead us to greater obedience, meaning that we can **Multiply** the impact of our faith but turning it into action.



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**Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of His truth for your life.**

## MEET

**Scripture: Ruth 4, Ruth 4:1-12, Ruth 4:13-22, Matthew 1 (the lineage of Jesus)**

Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

**QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?**

## MOVE

*Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.*

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. What's something that definitely paid off? Did it require discipline? Hard work? Dumb luck? Did it require an sacrifice?
2. Ruth 4 ends in the lineage of David, which is the lineage of Christ. How do we feel about not getting to see the victories of our faith in Jesus? Do you wish you could see what would happen?
3. In the movie, *The Prestige*, two magicians are battling it out for the best act in the world. They practice many tricks using body doubles and one magician wants to see the action, and hear the applause, and he goes great lengths to get it. We don't get that luxury, as we don't get to see either. We're hard at work and miss the beauty, and don't get to reap the rewards of our work. How do we stay content with God as the one who receives all of the above?

**QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?**

## MULTIPLY

*In light of your time together, or alone, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?*

Consider this questions:

1. How might others be impacted by the message of their faith turning into something great? Think of Ruth's life. Think of Ed Kimball, who would later be responsible for Billy Graham for coming to faith. Think of Chesterton's writings being responsible for C.S. Lewis coming to faith.

**QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?**