



## Week One | Mosaic | 11.02-03.2019

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** We are all created different and unique, and we all have a story to tell. But sometimes we allow our differences to prevent us from building true and meaningful relationships, widening the gap between us, rather than celebrating who we all are together.

This message series will make us feel uncomfortable, and it should. We have the opportunity to look deep within and start moving forward.

### » Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and/or if there are new members in your group
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations:
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What are some things that make you squirm? Why do you think that is?
- Digging Deeper: Who are the people you have surrounded yourself with? What do "your people" reveal about you?

### » Observation | Read Ruth 1:1-22

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | Squirm for the Sake of Stories

(15 minutes)

- What holds us back from having conversations around racial differences?
- What might be making you feel uncomfortable about this conversation?

### » Acknowledge Your Story | Reread Ruth 1:1-13

(11 minutes)

- How has your cultural upbringing impacted your relationships with people who are different than you?

### » Accept Other's Stories | Reread Ruth 1:14-18

(11 minutes)

- What next step can you take in learning from someone else's story and culture?

### » Adore His Story | Reread Ruth 1:19-22; Matthew 1:5

(11 minutes)

- What is the significance about Ruth (and Rahab) being mentioned in Jesus' genealogy?

### » Closing and Prayer |

(15minutes)

- What would it look like to host a conversation about cultural differences? Think of ways you can invite other people's stories into your life. How can your group continue having these difficult conversations even beyond the message series?
- Close by praying for one another to be honest with yourself about where you are in the conversation and take a next step.