



A Legacy Worth Following

Study Guide

Summary

This Mother's Day sermon focuses on leaving a legacy worth following, using the story of Naomi from the Book of Ruth. The message explores three main types of legacy that mothers should strive to leave: a legacy of faith through life's valleys, a legacy of kindness that inspires loyalty, and a legacy of discipleship that leads others to God. Through Naomi's example, we see how her faith during hardship and her consistent kindness toward her daughters-in-law created deep bonds of loyalty and ultimately led Ruth to embrace Naomi's God.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss the important legacy we leave as mothers and spiritual leaders, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to Your wisdom. Help us to be receptive to what You want to teach us today through Your Word and through our discussion. Guide our conversation and help us apply these truths to our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What is one of your favorite memories with your mother or a mother figure in your life?

Key Verses

Ruth 1:16. John 13:35. Deuteronomy 6:4-9. 2 Timothy 1:5. Psalm 9:9-10.

Questions

- How do you think your response to difficult situations influences those watching you?
- What does it mean to leave a legacy of faith through valleys?
- How can we show kindness in ways that inspire loyalty in our relationships?
- What practical steps can we take to disciple our children or those we influence?
- How has your faith been shaped by watching others walk through difficult seasons?
- What role does prayer play in leaving a godly legacy?
- How can we balance showing both strength and vulnerability in our faith journey?
- What specific actions can you take this week to strengthen your legacy of faith?

Life Application

This week, choose one area of your life where you can intentionally model faith to those watching you. Consider starting a prayer journal specifically for those you influence, and commit to regularly anointing and blessing them. Look for opportunities to show Christ-like kindness, even in challenging situations.

Key Takeaways

- Your faith during hardship is one of the loudest sermons your life can preach
- The kindness you sow today becomes the loyalty you reap tomorrow
- God has no grandchildren - each person must develop their own relationship with Him
- Your life's example matters more than your words in leading others to Christ

Ending Prayer

Lord, thank You for the example of Naomi and other faithful mothers in Scripture. Help us to leave a legacy that points others to You through our faith, kindness, and discipleship. Give us strength to persevere through valleys, wisdom to show Your love to others, and grace to guide those in our care. May our lives reflect Your character and draw others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.