

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

DESCENDING INTO DARKNESS
RUTH 1:1-5

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

Covenant unfaithfulness will have dark consequences for the church, believers, and their households.

- I.** Dark Consequences for the Church (v.1a)
- II.** Dark Consequences for Believers (v.1b-3)
- III.** Dark Consequences for Their Households (v.4-5)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Why is it good for us to feel the darkness of the consequences of sin as we read it in Scripture? What should we do with it?
2. Why should you be careful about automatically tying sin to darkness? Why should we also be careful not to automatically exclude sin as being connected?
3. Do you have “Moabs” in your life? That is, things that promise us a better life, but are outside of God’s promised provision.
4. Boys & girls – what do you know about the book of Ruth? How does it show God’s mercy to His sinful people?

FURTHER READING: Psalm 73; Judges 21:25; Deuteronomy 28; Hebrews 12:5-10