The Big Picture of Joshua

- Joshua becomes leader after Moses
- Leads them into the Promised Land (Jordan River parts like the Red Sea)
- Conquest of Promised Land, starting with the Battle of Jericho
- Division of Promised Land for 12 tribes
- Joshua reviews God's covenants with the people

The Big Picture of Judges

- "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25)
- Cycles go on for 300 years where God raises up judges (deliverers)
- 12 judges and Samuel
- Might recognize these 3 judges: Deborah, Gideon, and Samson
- Shows why Israel thought they needed a king



Ruth



- This happens in the time of the Judges
- This is the love story of a wise man (Boaz) and a wise woman of good character (Ruth)
- Ruth, who would be considered an enemy is accepted, loved and delivered
- God's mercy and redemption are seen in the lineage of King David & Jesus

The Big Picture of 1&2 Samuel/1Chronicles

- Israel becomes a united kingdom.
- The three kings of the united kingdom are Saul, David, and Solomon.
- These three books focus on Samuel, Saul, and David.
- Samuel anoints the first 2 kings: Saul & David
- God makes a covenant with David.