



Ruth 1:1-5

The Frightening Beginning

Questions from the Text

1. Who “ruled” at the the book of Ruth occurred? _____
2. What scary event went on in the land? _____
3. Where was Elimelech from? _____
4. Where did Elimelech move to, along with his wife and two sons? _____
5. What was his wife’s name? _____
6. What were the names of their two sons? _____
7. What happened to Elimelech in the country of Moab? _____
8. What kind of wives did the two sons take? _____
9. What were the names of the two women they married? _____
10. What happened two the two husbands? _____

Questions to Discuss

1. What does the word “famine” mean?
2. How do you think Naomi felt when her husband died?
3. How would it have been for these three women to be with their husbands all dead?

Memory Verse

“Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.” (1:1)



Ruth 1:6-22

Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi

Questions from the Text

1. What had Naomi heard that caused her to consider returning to Bethlehem?

2. What "land" was Bethlehem in? _____
3. What did Naomi want her two daughters-in-law to find "in the house of her husband?"

4. Why did Naomi want her daughters-in-law to not go with her? _____
5. Fill in the blanks: "Then they lifted up their voices and _____ again; and Orpah _____ her mother-in-law, but Ruth _____ to her.
6. To what two things did Ruth say Orpah had gone back? _____
7. What did Ruth say would be the only thing that would "part" her and Naomi? _____
8. What stopped Naomi from trying to stop Ruth? _____
9. What question did the women of Bethlehem ask upon seeing Naomi? _____
10. What did Naomi want to be called? And why? _____

11. What time of year was it when Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem? _____

Questions to Discuss

1. Why do you think Naomi tried so hard to get Orpah and Ruth to stay in their home country and not return with her?
2. Do you think Orpah did a bad thing by not going back with Naomi?
3. What does "Mara" mean, and why would Naomi want to be called that?

4. Naomi said that “the Almighty” had “dealt very bitterly” with her. Was she sinful in saying such a thing?
5. Why is it important to know that Naomi and Ruth returned at the beginning of the barley harvest? What does this teach us about God?

Memory Verses

“But Ruth said: ‘Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me.’” (Ruth 1:16-17)



Ruth 2:1-14

Ruth's Meets Boaz

Questions from the Text

1. What family was Boaz from? _____
2. Who did Ruth wait to finish their work before she gleaned? _____
3. What question did Boaz ask his servant when he first saw Ruth?

4. What command did Boaz give his workers who were young men?

5. What three things did Boaz say that Ruth had left to come and help Naomi?

6. What did Boaz pass to Ruth at mealtime? _____

Questions to Discuss

1. What does the word "glean" mean?
2. Discuss the word "happened" in verse 3. What does this tell us about God?
3. What can we learn about the character of Boaz from these verses?
4. Why did Boaz speak of Ruth coming under the "wings" of God for "refuge"?
5. Why did Ruth keep some of her grain back at mealtime?

Memory Verse

“The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.” (Ruth 2:12)



Ruth 2:15-23

Ruth Reports to Naomi

Questions from the Text

1. Where did Boaz command his young men to let Ruth glean? _____
2. What were they to let “fall purposely” for her? _____
3. How much barley did Ruth glean that day? _____
4. When Ruth told Naomi she had gleaned in Boaz’s field what did Naomi say about him?

5. With whom did Naomi say it was good that Ruth go into Boaz’s fields with? _____
6. What two harvests did Ruth glean through? _____ and _____

Questions to Discuss

1. Why was it important for Boaz to allow Ruth to glean among the sheaves and bundles?
What does this tell us about Boaz?
2. What does it mean that Ruth “beat out” the grain she had gleaned?
3. Discuss the “blessing” that Naomi stated about the Lord in verse 20.
4. Why was it important for Ruth to stay close to the other young women who gleaned in Boaz’s fields?

Memory Verse

“Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, ‘Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!’ And Naomi said to her, ‘This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives.’” (Ruth 2:20)



Ruth 3 The Plan Unfolds

Questions from the Text

1. What was Boaz to be “winnowing” on the night this chapter happened? _____
2. What was Ruth to wait for Boaz to finish doing before she made herself known to Boaz?

3. Before she lay down, what was Ruth to uncover? _____
4. Where did Ruth go to meet Boaz? _____
5. Where did Boaz lie down? _____
6. At what time was Boaz startled and notice Ruth? _____
7. What type of woman did “all the people” of the town know Ruth to be? _____
8. Boaz was a close relative of Ruth’s but what was the problem they faced?

9. When did Ruth arise? _____
10. In what did Boaz place six ephahs of barley for Ruth to take home? _____

Questions to Discuss

1. Why was Boaz lying down and sleeping by his grain?
2. Discuss the importance of a “close relative” (or “kinsman-redeemer”) in that culture.
3. What can we learn about Boaz’s trust in the Law of Moses from verse 13?
4. How do you think Ruth and Naomi felt as they waited to find out how it went with Boaz and the closer relative?

Memory Verse

“And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman.” (Ruth 3:11)



Ruth 4 Redemption!

Questions from the Text

1. Where did Boaz sit down and wait for the closer relative of Ruth? _____
2. Who else sat down to hear what was going on? _____
3. What was the *first* answer the closer relative gave? _____
4. After this, what else did Boaz say must be bought? _____
5. Why did the closer relative refuse, knowing this? _____

6. What was given to “confirm” the exchange? _____
7. What two women did the people state they hoped the Lord would make Ruth like?
_____ and _____
8. What two things did the women of the city say the son would be for Naomi?
_____ and _____

9. What was the name of the son of Boaz and Ruth? _____
10. Who was this boy’s grandson? _____

Questions to Discuss

1. What does “redemption” mean?
2. Why do you think Boaz waited to mention Ruth to the closer relative?
3. Discuss the importance of city gates in those days.
4. Why was it said by the women of the city, “There is a son born to Naomi?”
5. How does this entire book teach us about God’s providence?

Memory Verse

“Then the women said to Naomi, ‘Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel!’” (Ruth 4:14)