

Go Deep

Ruth 1

1. What do you like best about the book of Ruth? How does this book increase your faith/knowledge of God?
2. Who is the main character of the book of Ruth?
3. Why did the author decide to write the book of Ruth?
4. Why is it important to know that this story takes place “in the time of judges” (1:1)?
5. Why did God allow this famine to occur? How do we reconcile natural disasters and God’s sovereignty?
6. What do you know about Moab in the Bible? Do you think it was good that Naomi’s family moved to Moab?
7. What do the names of all the characters mean? How does the author use their names in the plot and theme?
8. What do you think Naomi’s physical, emotional, and spiritual state was after her husband and sons died? Why does she use the word “bitter” to describe it?
9. Why does Naomi try to send her Orpah and Ruth back to their parent’s homes (1:8-13)? Why does Orpah go back while Ruth stays with Naomi?
10. How is Orpah presented as a character? What are Ruth’s good character qualities? How should we imitate those qualities in our lives?
11. *Read 1:8.* The Hebrew word *hesed* is translated as “kindness” in this verse. What is *hesed*? How does Ruth continually show *hesed* in this story? How does God show *hesed* in this story?
12. *Read 1:16-18.* Why is Ruth so devoted and loyal to Naomi? What does it take for a person to have a loyal character like Ruth? What would church be like if everyone had the loyalty and devotion of Ruth?