

The Book of Ruth

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
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This study may also be translated into any language where it can be useful under the conditions listed above.

INSTRUCTIONS

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

This book is named after the leading character. Since it traces the ancestry of David back to Boaz, married to Ruth, and the great grandfather to Davie. It could have been written during the time of King David.

It tells about a family that moved to Moab while there was a famine in Canaan. The husband and both sons died leaving the mother whose name was Naomi alone with her three daughters in law. when she decided to go back to her home, Ruth insisted on going with her. They looked to Boaz, a relative, for help and in the end Ruth married Boaz.

Much love and devotion is taught in this book. It also teaches us about how God is concerned about little things in our lives is working out his plan for our salvation.

RUTH - Chapter 01
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who left Bethlehem to go live for a while in Moab and why? _____. Verse _____
2. Why did Naomi go back _____. Verse _____
3. Who said she would never leave Naomi? _____. Verse _____
4. What did Naomi tell people to call her once she returned to Bethlehem and why? _____. Verse _____
5. When did Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ All three of the men in Naomi's family died.
7. _____ Naomi persuaded one of her daughters in law to return to her family.
8. _____ Ruth was not a very devoted daughter in law.
9. _____ When Naomi got back to Bethlehem they did not recognize her.
10. _____ Ruth was a Moabites.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did the famine last more then five years?
12. _____ Did Naomi encourage her daughters in law to remarry?
13. _____ Did Naomi think that she could have another son for them to marry?
14. _____ Did Naomi think that God favored Israel by stopping the famine?
15. _____ Did Naomi say that God had made her life very bitter?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

RUTH - Chapter 02
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What relationship was Boaz to Naomi? _____. Verse _____
2. What request did Ruth make of Naomi? _____. Verse _____
3. Whose field did Ruth go to glean in? _____. Verse _____
4. Where had Boaz been and what did he do when he came home? _____. Verse _____
5. How did Boaz treat Ruth differently? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The gleaners gather what is left after the harvesters have gone through a field.
7. _____ Boaz noticed Ruth right away.
8. _____ Ruth considered herself of less value than any of the servant girls of Boaz.
9. _____ At meantime Ruth ate her meal with Boaz.
10. _____ Naomi was not surprised at how much grain Ruth brought home that night.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was Ruth a good worker?
12. _____ Did Ruth go intentionally to the field of Boaz?
13. _____ Did Boaz find out all about Ruth after he found out who she was?
14. _____ Do you know what a kinsman-redeemer is?
15. _____ Was Naomi pleased that she had gleaned in the field of Boaz?

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RUTH - Chapter 03
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Naomi tell Ruth to do after the barley had been winnowed? _____. Verse _____
2. What did Ruth tell Boaz to do when he woke up and found her at his feet? _____. Verse _____
3. What reputation did Ruth have among the people? _____. Verse _____
4. Why did Ruth get up and leave before dawn? _____. Verse _____
5. What did Boaz do with Ruth's shawl? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Did Ruth make herself very presentable to Boaz?
7. _____ Boaz knew at once who she was when he was startled awake.
8. _____ Women did not normally come to the threshing floor.
9. _____ Boaz was pleased that Ruth had not run after younger men.
10. _____ There was someone else closer as a kinsman redeemer.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was Naomi interested in getting a husband for Ruth?
12. _____ Do you think that uncovering the feet of Boaz had a particular significance?
13. _____ Do you think that Boaz was really interested in Ruth romantically?
14. _____ Did Boaz invite her to spend the night at his feet?
15. _____ Was Naomi please with what had happened?

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RUTH - Chapter 04
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why did the closer kinsman redeemer refuse to buy Naomi's land? _____. Verse _____
2. How was a contract to buy land legalized? _____. Verse _____
3. What reason did Boaz give for buying the land of Elimelech? _____. Verse _____
4. Who were the witnesses to this transaction? _____. Verse _____
5. How much value was it said that Ruth was to Naomi? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ There a set procedure about redeeming land.
7. _____ The closer kinsman redeemer was willing at first to buy the land.
8. _____ Boaz took Ruth as his wife instead of Naomi.
9. _____ Naomi now was said to have a son to care for her in her old age.
10. _____ Ruth, a foreigner became an ancestor of David the King.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was legal business conducted at the city gate?
12. _____ Was Boaz doing the right thing by offering the land to the other man first?
13. _____ Was the closer kinsman redeemer afraid to take Ruth as his wife?
14. _____ Were the women of Bethlehem pleased that Ruth had a son?
15. _____ Did Naomi raise her grandson for Ruth?

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