



## Discussion Questions • Ruth 4

1. Read Ruth 1-4.
2. After studying Ruth, what are the parts of the story that most stand out to you? Why?
3. When you reflect on the whole story of Ruth, where do you see God's hand moving in the story (even when his name isn't mentioned)?
  - a. How does the fact that God is active in the lives of these people affect the way you understand how he is active in your own life?
4. If you compare Naomi's situation at the end of chapter 1 with her situation at the end of chapter 4, what has happened in her life?
  - a. Should she have been so upset in chapter 1?
  - b. How can we avoid getting "stuck in a moment" like Naomi did in chapter 1?
  - c. What advice would you give to another Christian who was currently "stuck in a moment"?
5. Can you list off all the ways the characters in this story have shown kindness to one another?
  - a. Do you think that showing self-sacrificial kindness to others you come across in your life will really "pay off" in the end? If so, how will it pay off?
6. Why does the other guardian-redeemer in chapter 4 go unnamed?
  - a. He turned away from redeeming Ruth because he was concerned with preserving his own estate and name, but did that work for him?
  - b. What should we learn from this fact?
7. All the "good guys" involved in this story are from little, out of the way places.
  - a. Why do you think God works with insignificant people?
  - b. How does 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 contribute to your understanding of this fact?
8. In what ways does the story of Ruth point to the story of Jesus?
9. In what ways is Boaz like Jesus?
10. In what ways is Ruth like Jesus?

**OPTIONAL:** What is one thing you are willing to change in your life as a result of what you have learned from the discussion?

### Wrap Up and Prayer

Pray for each other as you apply what you have learned along with other requests.