

Ruth: The Message of Redemption and Revival (Answer Key)

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An Introduction to the Book of Ruth: Session 1

(NOTE: Please disregard any reference to page numbers given in the video. These refer to an earlier version of note-blank, and not to this study guide.)

- The story of Ruth is one of the most beautiful ____love____ stories of all time.
- This is also a story about ____sacrificial love_____.
- In the book of Ruth, we find women going through various ____seasons_____ of life.
- In Ruth we see almost every ____season_____ of ____life_____ that a woman can experience.
- Ruth is one of five women listed in the genealogy of Christ in Matthew 1.
- To be related to Jesus is not a matter of being a good woman or a religious person, it's a matter of being a sinner who knows something of the ____grace_____ of God.
- Major themes in the Book of Ruth:
 - The ____sovereignty_____ of God.
 - The meaning of ____genuine_____ love.
 - The ____impact_____ that one can make.
 - The meaning of ____redemption_____.
- The Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer:
 - The kinsman-redeemer had both a ____right_____ and a ____responsibility_____ to his impoverished relative.
 - The kinsman-redeemer could buy back land and ____restore_____ it to a relative.
 - The kinsman-redeemer could also raise up ____seed/children_____ for his brother, to preserve the family name.

Running, Rebuke, Repentance: Session 2

- The setting for the Book of Ruth is in the wicked days when the _____judges_____ruled.
- Famine was unusual in this land. Bethlehem-Judah means “house of _____bread_____ and _____praise_____.”
- The famine was a result of _____disobedience_____, so the solution was not in _____leaving_____, but in _____staying_____.
- The moment this family stepped out of God’s will, God began creating _____circumstances_____ to bring them back home and back to Himself.
- God used two things to bring Naomi back:
 - His hand of _____discipline_____
 - News of _____revival_____ back home
- Repent mean to _____change_____ my mind, to realize I’ve been going my own way instead of _____God’s_____ way.
- When Naomi repented, she had to get up and _____leave_____ Moab.
- Repentance is the first step in the process of _____restoration_____.
- Our “Moab” is the places, things, and people to which we turn to get our _____needs_____ met rather than looking to _____God_____. Moab is the _____substitutes_____ for God in our lives.

Resolve: Session 3

- Naomi was looking for _____rest_____ for herself and her daughters-in-law. This is a recurring theme in the Book of Ruth.
- Bitterness of spirit produces _____weariness_____ in our souls.
- Rest is not a matter of a change in our _____external_____ circumstances, but something God gives within our hearts.
- The daughters-in-law are faced with a _____choice_____.
- They could choose between the pathway of _____convenience_____ and _____comfort_____ or the pathway of _____commitment_____ and _____compassion_____.
- If you’re willing to sacrifice immediate _____gratification_____ to settle for long-term blessing, you will choose the pathway of commitment and compassion.
- Ruth made a:
 - conscious, _____deliberate_____ choice. Her choice was a matter of _____leaving_____ and _____cleaving_____.
 - choice based on _____faith_____ rather than feelings.
 - a steadfast, _____determined_____ choice.
 - _____permanent_____, lifetime choice.
 - _____100_____ percent choice requiring total commitment.

- ____costly_____ choice.
- The foundational choice to follow Christ does not eliminate smaller choices that we must make on a daily basis, but it does ____simplify_____ them.

Resentment: Session 4

- The outcome of our lives is not determined by what happens to us, but by how we ____respond_____ to what happens to us.
- How we respond will be determined by our ____view_____ of God.
- Naomi had a faulty view of God. She did not see that the painful circumstances in her life were an expression of God's ____love/grace_____.
- Naomi responded to her circumstances in resentment and ____bitterness_____, and others became defiled by the overflow.
- As a step to determine if you are bitter, ask:
- Is there anyone in my life that I have never fully ____forgiven_____?
- Is there any person or circumstances in my life for which I have never ____thanked_____ God?
- Naomi, in the process of ____restoration_____, needed a right view of God.
- To be set free from bitterness, we need to:
- Look ____inward_____.
- Look ____upward_____.

Refuge: Session 5

- In contrast to Naomi's spirit of bitterness, we see Ruth's response to her ____similar_____ circumstances.
- In the Old Testament, God's provision for the poor was that they should ____work_____, and that the wealthy should ____enable_____ the poor to work.
- Another title for this chapter might be ____grace_____ and ____gratitude_____.
- Ruth was diligent and ____industrious_____. Even menial work, when done through love, can be a ____blessing/privilege_____.
- From Ruth's standpoint, she just "happened" to come upon Boaz's field, but with God there are no ____chance-happenings_____.
- Boaz tells Ruth to stay in his field—the "Field of ____Grace_____."
- "God will rarely change my circumstances until He has used my circumstances to ____change_____ me."
- The "Wings of God" provide:
- ____safety_____ (Psalm 17:8-9)
- ____a place of refreshment_____ (Psalm 36:7-8)

- ____stillness_____ in the midst of the storm (Psalm 57:1)
- help and ____joy_____ (Psalm 63:7)
- ____hope_____ in the midst of ____fearful_____ circumstances (Psalm 91:4)
- Three qualifications of a Kinsman-Redeemer are:
- The man had to have the ____right_____ to redeem—he had to be related.
- The man had to have the ____power_____ to redeem—the ability to pay.
- The man had to be ____willing_____ to redeem.

Request: Session 6—Part One

- Ruth wants nothing for herself; she is seeking an ____heir_____ for her deceased husband. She is fulfilling her ____duty_____ to follow the ways of God in restoring her family name and family lands.
- Ruth’s response gives us a key to successful marriage relationships—not based on personal happiness, but rather on ____commitment_____, sacrifice, obedience, and ____what pleases God_____.
- Ruth first found refuge under the shadow of God’s wings, and then she was able to find refuge under the garment of a ____kinsman-redeemer_____.
- Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer, says to Ruth, “Don’t be ____afraid_____. I will do for you ____all_____ you ask.”
- Ruth was known in the city as a woman of ____noble_____ character. She is a ____virtuous_____ woman.
- Women’s virtue should ____inspire_____ men.
- Virtue is a matter of the ____heart_____, and it affects everything in our lives.
- Naomi now counsels Ruth to ____wait_____ until Boaz settles the matter.
- God doesn’t fix every situation ____immediately_____; sometimes we too must ____wait_____.

Redemption & Restoration: Session 6—Part Two

- The grace of God always has a ____happy ending_____!
- The city elders pronounced a three-fold blessing to Boaz and Ruth:
- A blessing on the ____wife_____
- A blessing on the ____husband_____
- A blessing on their ____offspring_____
- The women of the city told Naomi that she would ____always_____ have a “goel” (redeemer) to care for her.

Our Redemption

- Our condition: ____helpless_____ and ____hopeless_____

- Two biblical words that describe our situation:
 _____slavery_____
- _____poverty_____
- His intervention
- The transaction: ____transfer_____ of
 ____ownership_____. I become His!

My part—by faith:

Acknowledge my _____need_____.

Appeal for grace.

Give myself and my situation fully to Him.

His part—the transformation

My _____past_____

My _____present_____

My _____future_____