

REDEEMED

LIFE NOTES

The Book of Ruth
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QUESTIONS

1. The Book of Ruth is a well-known and loved story in the Old Testament about God's redemptive power. It is well loved for its relatable stories of loss and then finding hope amid great struggles. In chapters 1 and 2 where do we find messes such as despair, displacement, and death? How about financial issues and childlessness? Can you relate to any of these? Please explain.

2. Even though they had messes in their lives, God began to redeem the lives of Naomi and Ruth. In what areas do we see this happening in light of the above issues (1:16-18; 22; 2:20; 4:9-10, 13)? Where do you see God redeeming your messes? Take some time and share with one another to encourage each other with your stories of redemption.

3. The Scriptures provide part of the redeeming work in Naomi and Ruth's lives. Deuteronomy 24:19-22; 25:5-10 are two provisions within the Law of Moses that help Naomi and Ruth. What are they and how do they assist not only these women, but also God's greater redemptive purposes (cf. 4:17-22, Matthew 1:4-6)?

4. Boaz is a type of Christ in this story. Besides the obvious of him being a kinsmen redeemer, what Christ-like characteristics do we find that we should exemplify (2:8-16, 20; 3:15-18; 4:9-17)? In your relationship with God and others, what characteristics would you like to see?