

Ruth

Read the book of Ruth (4 chapters)

1. What stands out to you about Ruth's relationship to her mother-in-law?
2. Why does Naomi want to be called Mara by her friends?
3. What are some of the positive qualities about Ruth once they arrive in Bethlehem?
4. What impresses you about Boaz?
5. How does the fact Boaz is a kinsman-redeemer relate to the Gospel? (See Hebrews 2:14-17)
6. When Ruth lies at Boaz' feet, it is not a sexual encounter. She is asking him to throw his covers over her, a euphemism for asking him to protect her, to marry her. How does Boaz respond to her request?
7. What is the significance that this takes place in the "time of the judges?"
8. How does this book help you understand the gospel better?
9. The word "God" is only found three times in this book. But how do you see God's activity throughout?