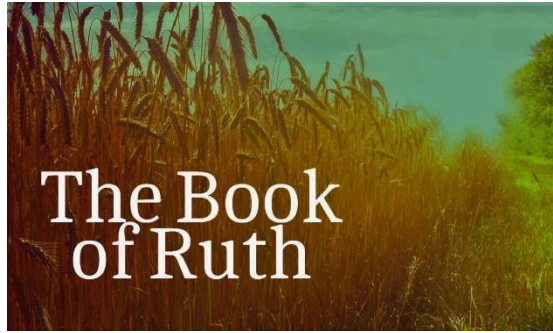




You're Welcome Here!



Series – Ruth

Study Guide 4: Chapter 4

Week Commencing 21st July 2019

Please read **Ruth 4.1-10**

1. How are the responsibilities of the 'kinsman redeemer' described here? Does it sound like a significant commitment?
2. Why do you think the first kinsman redeemer decided to decline the responsibility?
3. Some see in Boaz and Ruth a kind of limited, or hazy picture of the type of relationship that Jesus has with His bride the church. Do you see any similarities, and any differences?

Please read **Ruth 4.11-12; Matthew 1.5-6**

4. The elders and the people present asked the Lord to bless Ruth in the way He did with Rachel and Leah (the wives of Jacob) – women who 'built up the house of Israel'. Was that prayer answered for Ruth? Why do you think this?

Please read **Ruth 4.13-15**

5. In **Ruth 1.20** Naomi described herself as someone who was afflicted by the Lord. Now she is being encouraged by the women of Bethlehem to praise the Lord for His evident goodness to her. How has the Lord demonstrated His goodness to Naomi throughout this period?
6. Ruth is described by the women as better than 7 sons to Naomi. Briefly, why is this such a powerful statement of their esteem of Ruth?

Please read **Ruth 4.16-22**

Obed, the son born to Ruth and Boaz is more than child who continues the family's line, he is part of the unfolding purposes of God in which He plans to reach all the peoples of the world with the redeeming hope of God in the person of Jesus.

7. How does this story encourage you that the choices and decisions you make every day carry significant potential for the purposes of God?

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