

Ruth Chapter 1

Discussion Questions

PRAY and then read Ruth Chapter 1.

Keep in mind as you read this chapter that Bethlehem means "House of BREAD", Elimelech, "God is King", and Ruth means "Friendship".

1. Give a brief summary of Ruth chapter 1.
2. When trials come into our lives, we have a choice to make: we can either *receive* them or *run* from them. Which did Elimelech choose?
3. Have you ever run from a trial? Why?
4. Fear is the opposite of faith. You either have one or the other. What do 2 *Corinthians 5:7* and *Hebrews 11:1* say about faith?
5. What was wrong with Naomi's decision to go back to Bethlehem? How do *Isaiah 40:31* and *Psalms 145:15* encourage you to become better?

6. When crisis hits, we can either become bitter or better. According to *Hebrews 12:15* what happens when we allow bitterness to grow?

7. Share a time that you chose to become *better* instead of *bitter*.

8. Why do you think Ruth was so determined to go with Naomi? What did she say in vs. 16-17?

9. What was it that drew you to Jesus? Did the Lord use a particular person? If so, who?

10. Look up and write out Ephesians 3:20.

11. How long were Elimelech and his family in Moab? Were they planning on staying that long?

12. Have you ever taken a detour from the Lord? What did God use to draw you back?

13. God will use whatever it takes to draw us back to Him. What did it take for Naomi?

14. Why did Naomi try and discourage her two daughters from coming with her? Did it work?

15. Have you ever had to start over? In what ways did God show up for you?

16. Being a Moabite would mean permanent exclusion for Ruth. How did God demonstrate His Grace in Ruth's life?

17. Look up Romans 5:3-6 and fill in the blanks:

And not only *that*, but we also _____ in _____,
knowing that _____ produces _____; ⁴ and
_____, _____; and _____, _____.

⁵Now _____ does not _____, because the _____
_____ has been _____ in our hearts by the
_____ who was given to us.

18. The law excludes us because we are Gentiles, but grace includes us because Jesus grafted us in through His death on the cross. We can remember GRACE as—

*God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense*

Briefly share your GRACE story (how you got saved):

19. Write a prayer thanking the LORD for including you In His perfect plan of Redemption.

20. What can you learn from Elimelech, Naomi, Ruth and Orpah?