

Ruth #1

Chapter 1

- 1) Who ran the government during the story of Ruth?
 - a) Judges appointed by God
 - b) A King
 - c) A president and cabinet
- 2) Why did Elimelech and his sons go to Moab?
- 3) How long did Naomi live in Moab?
- 4) Do you think Elimelech expected that he and his sons were going to die in Moab?
- 5) What did the daughters say when Naomi wanted to return to Israel?
- 6) "But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to _____ you or turn back from following you; for where you _____, I will _____, and where you _____, I will lodge. Your people shall be _____ people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but _____ parts you and me.'"
- 7) What did Orpah do?
- 8) Naomi means "pleasant". Naomi said that people should not call her Naomi but _____ which means "bitter".
- 9) Who does Naomi blame for all of her problems in verse 21
- 10) Should we blame God whenever we have problems?
- 11) Do you sometimes feel like your name should mean "bitterness"?

Chapter 2

- 1) Gleaning was a legal way for poor people to pick up wheat and other produce that was dropped or left by farmers when they were harvesting. Who's field did Ruth glean in?
- 2) How did Boaz greet his workers?
 - a) "How's it going?"
 - b) "Whas sup?"
 - c) "May the Lord be with you."
- 3) Did Ruth ask permission before she gleaned?
- 4) Why was Ruth surprised that Boaz was kind to her?
- 5) What had Boaz heard about Ruth?
 - a) That she was a foreigner
 - b) That she had taken care of her mother-in-law
 - c) That she was good looking
 - d) Both a & b
- 6) "May the LORD _____ your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose _____ you have come to seek _____."
- 7) What did Boaz tell his reapers to do for Ruth to help her?
- 8) An ephah equals about 9 gallons. Did Naomi know something strange was happening when Ruth brought home that much grain?
- 9) "Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, 'May he be blessed of the LORD who has _____ withdrawn his _____ to the living and to the dead.' Again Naomi said to her, 'The man is our relative, he is one of our _____ relatives'"
- 10) Was God still showing kindness to Naomi even when many bad things happened to her?
- 11) Does it sound like gleaning could sometimes be dangerous for young women?
- 12) Should we try to help and find ways to feed the poor?

Ruth #2

Chapter 3

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- 1) Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek _____ for you, that it may be well with you?" Naomi was talking about a husband for Ruth!
- 2) Was Boaz surprised to find a woman sleeping at his feet on the threshing floor?
- 3) When Ruth said for Boaz to spread his covering over her, she was asking him to marry her to protect her and her dead husband's family name.
Deut 25:5-10 "When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as _____ and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. "And it shall be that the _____ - _____ whom she bears shall assume the _____ of his _____ that his name may not be blotted out from Israel."
- 4) If all the brothers are dead, this responsibility would fall on the closest _____.
- 5) Was Boaz the closest relative?
- 6) Why do you think Boaz didn't want anyone to know Ruth had been on the threshing floor all night?
- 7) Do you think Ruth was surprised and disappointed to find out that there might be a closer relative?
- 8) Do you think God was surprised?
- 9) Did Naomi think Boaz would take his time in getting the matter resolved?

Chapter 4

- 1) Where did you go to conduct business and meet people in Israel in those days?
- 2) "And he took ten men of the _____ of the city and said, 'Sit down here.' So they sat down."
- 3) Boaz informed the closest relative that Naomi was being forced to sell her family lands in order to survive and asked him to "_____ it", which means "to buy it back" for her.
- 4) "Then Boaz said, 'On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the _____ of the deceased, in order to raise up the _____ of the deceased on his inheritance.'"
- 5) This meant which of the following: a) He would have to marry Ruth b) He would have to buy the land back for the family c) He would have to give Ruth's first husband's family name to his first born son by Ruth and give him the inheritance from Naomi's family. d) All of the above
- 6) Did the closest relative want to do his family duty here?
- 7) When the relative decided not to redeem the property for Naomi and Ruth, what was he required to do to make it official?
- 8) According to **Deuteronomy 25:9**, who was supposed to remove the sandal from the relative's foot?
- 9) What else would she do according to that verse?
- 10) **Deut. 25:10** says that that close relative who refused to do his duty would be called by the insulting phrase: "The house of him whose _____ is removed."
- 11) Why do you think it was a lot easier on Ruth's relative to turn down the duty of redemption?
 - a) People probably thought the scripture was too old fashioned and a little harsh
 - b) People aren't usually very careful to follow the exact instructions of God
 - c) It was so common to not choose to follow this scripture that people started to accept that it wasn't really that important
 - d) All of the above
- 12) Do you think we don't take many of God's instructions seriously today for the same reasons?
- 13) What kind of things can you think of that are acceptable for Christians to do today that weren't acceptable just a few years ago?
- 14) Did Boaz do his full duty or just part of it?
- 15) The village women said to Naomi, "your daughter-in-law, who _____ you and is better to you than _____"
- 16) Who did Ruth's great grandson turn out to be?
- 17) Boaz never knew his great grandson would become the greatest king of Israel and would write the Psalms. Do you always see the results of faithfully following the scriptures and obeying God?
- 18) Do you want to be like Boaz and follow God's instructions or to be like the other relative who says following God's instructions is too hard?