

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Ruth 1:16

EXODUS & POSSESSION 29-1

". . . Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

**"LOVE SPANS ANY BARRIER"
RUTH 1:1-4:22**

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson?

DAY 1 READ Ruth 1:1-22

2. During what period of time did the activities of Ruth take place?
3. a. Why was Elimelech in Moab?
b. Who were the members of his family?
4. How had the situation changed in Moab and Judah so that Naomi wanted to return to Bethlehem?
5. In verses 8-15 what reasons did Naomi give Orpah and Ruth encouraging them to remain in Moab?
6. a. What was Ruth's reply to Naomi? (6 parts)
b. Share a thought on strong commitment.
c. Why did Naomi stop urging Ruth to leave?
7. What name did Naomi want to be called? Why?
8. Ruth must have learned a great deal about God from Naomi. Think about it . . . is there someone in your life to whom you turn to learn more about God and His ways (not necessarily older in age)? Who?

Is there someone in your life who turns to you to learn more about God and His ways (not necessarily younger in age)? Who?

Each of us should be learning and teaching; a "Naomi" to some, a "Ruth" to others.
a. What attributes are necessary to be a "Naomi?"
b. What attributes are necessary to be a "Ruth?"
c. If you haven't done so recently, share your appreciation.

DAY 2 READ Ruth 2:1-16

9. How did Ruth plan to obtain grain?
10. a. What do you think there was about Ruth that attracted the attention of Boaz?
 - b. What instructions did Boaz give Ruth?
11. In verses 11,12 why had Ruth found favor in his eyes?
12. How did Boaz improve Ruth's working conditions?

DAY 3 READ Ruth 2:17-23

13. What was Naomi's response to Ruth finding favor with Boaz?
14. From your Bible knowledge, what do you know about a kinsman-redeemer? (See Leviticus 25:47-49 and Deuteronomy 25:5-10)
15. Consider all of chapter two. What were God's provisions for Ruth in these areas:
 - a. physical
 - b. social relationships
 - c. spiritual
 - d. emotional
16. What are God's provisions for you personally in these areas? Think of this in a very personal, individual sense, not as a member of society as a whole.
17. What promises of God are found in these verses concerning His provision for us?
 - a. Psalm 23:1
 - b. Matthew 6:25-34
 - c. Philippians 4:19
 - d. Romans 8:28

DAY 4 READ Ruth 3:1-18

18. a. What did Naomi suggest Ruth do concerning Boaz?
 - b. When Boaz discovered Ruth, what appeared to be his attitude?
19. What did Boaz say regarding Ruth's reputation among all the people?
20. a. What plan did Boaz have regarding Ruth?
 - b. What kindness did he show toward Naomi?
21. God was faithful in a time of need when people most naturally exhibit worry, anxiety and fear. From these Scriptures make a list of things to think about which are more profitable than worry:
 - a. Philippians 4:8
 - b. Colossians 3:2

DAY 5 READ Ruth 4:1-22

22. What was the response of the "closest relative" to Boaz?
23. The elders witnessed the discussion between Boaz and the relative. What was their blessing?
24. How did the women praise Ruth to Naomi?
25. a. What name was given to the child?
 - b. Who was Ruth's great-grandson?
 - . . . second mother-in-law according to Matthew 1:5?
 - . . . descendant given in Matthew 1:16?
26. The book of Ruth is touching as it displays positive personal relationships. What is one way you can see God showing you how to beautify your relationships?
27. How did you do with your goals from lesson 1?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: