



Connection Group Participant Guide Sep 20, 2020

Ruth 1

Key Principles

God is concerned about all people regardless of race, nationality, or status; men and women are both equally important to God; and there is no such thing as an unimportant person in God's eyes. We have a Redeemer who can rescue us from the devastation of our own sin. In *Ruth*, Boaz was a prophetic symbol of Christ and His redemptive work in our lives today. All we have to do to be rescued is to call on Jesus in faith to save us (Romans 10:13).

Highlight

Have you ever wept when you said goodbye to a loved one? Who was that person, and what were you feeling as you said goodbye? Now imagine these three women saying their goodbyes. What does their relationship teach us about mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law?

Explain

Do you think Elimelech made the right decision, moving his family into a pagan land so that they would have food to eat, or do you think he should have stayed in Bethlehem, waiting for the famine to end, trusting God to provide for the needs of his family?

Apply

How should suffering affect a person's attitude toward God?

Respond in Prayer

We encourage you to set aside time to pray over what God has shown you in His Word. Read through Matthew 5:3-12 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

- Adoration: Give God praise for the things that you see in this passage.
- Confession: Confess your known sins to God.
- Thanksgiving: Thank God for being a God who provides and protects.
- Supplication: Ask God that He would help you to reflect the qualities you see in Matthew 5:3-12.