

1. Opening Prayer
2. Intro: Ruth

When? Story about Ruth in the days when the judges ruled (13th – 11th B.C / Ruth 1:1)

Written after David became the king (after 1010 B.C / Ruth 4:17-22)

What was happening in the time of the judges and in the time of David?

Outline

Intro: People with Disasters (1:1-6)

Ch. 1

Towards Bethlehem (1:7-18)

Arrival at Bethlehem (1:19-22)

Ch. 2

Plan of Ruth (2:1-7)

Suggestion of Boaz (2:8-16)

Hope of Redemption (2:17-23)

Ch. 3

Plan of Naomi (3:1-5)

Suggestion of Boaz (3:6-15)

Hope of Redemption (3:16-18)

Ch. 4

Redemption (4:1-12)

Ending: People with Redemption (4:13-22)

What do you think this story wants to tell the readers?

3. Read Ruth Ch. 1

4. Questions

- a. What do you know about the Moabites? Read Gen. 19:37, Deut. 2:8-9, Num. 22:1-6, Jud. 3:12-14, 2 Sam. 8:2, and Neh. 2:10
- b. Before making a choice, there is always a tension. What kind of tension can you find in verses 1-5 and 6-14? And how were they relieved?
- c. How shall we understand “the Lord had come/visited” in verse 6? Or how do you think the Israelites at the time of the judges understood God?
- d. Do you recall any famine in the time of the judges?
- e. In verse 8, what did Naomi mean by “kindness”?
- f. Naomi told Orpah and Ruth to leave her. Why? And Ruth didn’t leave Naomi. Why?
- g. Why do you think Orpah left?
- h. The title of this book is “Ruth.” Do you think Ruth appears as the main character in this chapter? Let us discuss.
- i. We have read Job weeks ago. What are the similarities and differences between Job and Naomi?

5. Closing Prayer