

STUDY QUESTIONS
RUTH – A STORY OF REDEMPTION
Profile of a Redeemer
Ruth 2

Chapter 1 of Ruth covers at least ten years; chapter 2 describes essentially one 24-hour period in which a new character is introduced, and his significance begins to become known.

1. As a review, recount all the ways Naomi's cup was empty.
2. If your life were a cup of hope, how full would you say it is?
3. Boaz is introduced in 2:1. Read the brief description, and note the specifics that are mentioned. What is the significance of each of the things said about him?
4. In v. 2, Ruth takes the initiative to begin to search for food by asking permission of Naomi. Naomi seems passive, compared to Ruth's initiative. Do you see any significance to that?
5. Read the chapter, noting the inferences, or direct statements, about the dangers associated with doing what Ruth is doing in the fields. What are they?
6. What were the greatest difficulties Ruth faced?
7. Read Deuteronomy 23:3ff and then read Leviticus 19:33-34. How do you reconcile these commands to each other?
8. Ruth was present in Naomi's life to help her believe. As Ruth brings home news of how God is providing for them, Naomi begins to change. Identify those changes in the text.
9. How have you been helped to believe in God and hope for the future by others?
10. Think about how Boaz serves as a redeemer, and note how his actions foreshadow the work of redemption through Christ on the cross.
11. What is this story teaching you about yourself, and about God?