

First Baptist Church – Through the Bible with BibleProject 2026

Ruth

- What is the practical question Ruth addresses?

Chapter 1

- When does the story of Ruth take place? Why does this matter?
- What two places are prominent in the story of Ruth?
- Where have we heard of these places before?
- Why would Naomi desire for her daughters in law to return home to their own people?

Chapter 2

- What does the name 'Naomi' mean?
- What does the name 'Boaz' mean?
- Notice how Boaz treats Ruth before knowing that they have any kind of relationship. What Torah command is he following?
- What is the responsibility of a Kinsman Redeemer?

Chapter 3

- What is the plan Naomi comes up with for Ruth?
- Why does Boaz call Ruth a 'woman of noble character'?

Chapter 4

- What reversals happen in the story at the end?
- What is the internal structure of each chapter
- How does this illustrate God's presence in a story where God is rarely named?
- What does this say about the importance of our choices
- Where does the book of Ruth end?

Bonus: Where will we see a genealogy including Ruth again?

- How does this story reflect the 'agency' of those who have very little power in their cultures? How are they creative, loyal, and faithful in this story?
- In what ways did you see Boaz exemplifying loyalty to God's commands (including before he even meets Ruth or Naomi)?

These questions are designed to go along with the video series from www.bibleproject.com