

For God So Loved Naomi

Ruth 4:11-22

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Discussion Questions - These questions are conversation starters, not a script.

1. God takes away or keeps things from us so that He might give us even more of His fullness in His time. How do we see this principle in all the three main characters of this book - Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi?
2. Naomi's pain and bitterness were publicly seen by the women of the city (1:19). How do these women now respond as they see Naomi's joy (4:14-17)? What might God be accomplishing in the lives of others through our trials?
3. Boaz and Ruth's son was named Obed, meaning "one who serves". Why do you think he was given this name? How did his name reflect the character of both his parents?
4. In the dark days of the judges (Ruth 1:1 and Judges 21:25) what was God preparing? See Ruth 4:18-22. How does this give us hope and confidence in God's purposes and timing in our world today?
5. By placing people like Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth in David and Jesus' genealogy (see Matthew 1:1-6), what kind of King was God telling us He would give us?
6. What have been the major highlights, encouragements, and takeaways for you in our journey through the book of Ruth?