

Ruth
Gail Arterburn –2025

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –10/20/25

Ruth - Lesson 1
Ruth 1:1-22

1. Read Judges 2:6-19, 21:28. The story of Ruth takes place in a dark time in Israel's history when they were ruled by Judges. What characterized this time period? How is that similar to today?
2. Read Ruth 1:1-5. What do we know about Ruth's family? Where did they live? Who were the Moabites? (Gen. 19:30-38, Judges 3:12-14) Why did Elimelech and his family leave the Promised Land to go to Moab? What did they risk in doing so?
3. Elimelech's name actually meant "My God is King." Was he living up to that name?
4. What happened to Elimelech? Who did Naomi's sons marry? What happened to them?
5. Read Ruth 1:6-22. What decisions were made by Naomi, Orpah and Ruth? Why?
6. How do Ruth's words in v. 16 point to the call of the gospel to every person today?
7. Re-read 1:13, 20 and 21? How does Naomi see her circumstances? Who does she blame?
8. Can you identify with her? Do difficult circumstances tend to draw you see God's provision or cloud your view of Him?
9. Was Naomi seeing things correctly? What better way should God's people respond to tragedies? (Psalm 13, Job 1:18-22, 2 Cor. 1:8-11, 4:7-11, 16-18.)
10. When did they arrive in Bethlehem? How does this indicate a coming change in their lives? What aspects of God can be found in this chapter?