

**Naomi
Ruth 1-4**

1. Have you faced bitter times in your life? How have you responded?
2. Has there been a special time of real need in your life when God filled the need as only He can? Was it filled by a certain person? Was it filled supernaturally?
3. Naomi and Ruth both faced difficulties in circumstances. What has been your attitude when you have been presented with a task that overwhelmed you and you didn't feel adequate to accomplish that task? Can you think of any promise God has made that would apply to that circumstance?
4. Naomi had the responsibility of giving Ruth wise advice and guidance. Who has God placed in your life that requires you to carry out this same responsibility? Who has had the same role in your life?
5. Just as Ruth was unaware of the larger purpose in her life, the birth of the Messiah, we will not know the full purpose and importance of our lives until we are able to look back from the perspective of eternity. We must make our choices with God's eternal values in mind. What are some ways we can live this out practically day by day?
6. Have you ever literally felt God's presence in your life?
7. Ruth saw Naomi in the good times and the bad times. How often do you feel that your thoughts and questions about God should be left out of a close relationship? Sharing openly about our relationship with God can bring depth and intimacy to our relationship with others with whom we feel safety in sharing.

VERSES:

Deuteronomy 6:10-16
Psalm 68:4-6
Psalm 119:140
I Peter 1:6

I Chronicles 5:20
Psalm 91 and 92
Psalm 139:1-16
I Peter 4:12-14

Joshua 1:6-9
Psalm 100
Ephesians 2:10

Ruth 1:16, 17
Psalm 101:1-3
Ephesians 3:17-21