

Personal Study

(1) Read Ruth 1:1-22. Look for five reasons in the narrative that the commitment of Ruth to stay with Naomi is so surprising: _____

(2) Read Ruth 2:1-23. Look for four ways in which Boaz shows grace and kindness to Ruth in this narrative: _____

(3) Read Ruth 3:1-18. Give three reasons why Naomi hopes to see Boaz take Ruth as his wife: _____

(4) Read Ruth 4:1-22. Is the book of Ruth *primarily* about the incredible service of Ruth or the faithfulness of God to Naomi? Defend your answer from the text: _____

(5) What point is the author of Ruth trying to make by showing that Boaz and Ruth's son is King David's grandfather? _____

(6) What are the parallels between Ruth and the church? What are the parallels between Boaz and Christ? _____

Personal Application

(1) How does the example of Ruth personally challenge you in the area of faithfulness to your commitments? _____

(2) What challenges do you face in trying to stay faithful to your spouse in this culture? _____

(3) What challenges do you face in trying to stay faithful to your ministry commitments? _____

(4) How do we normally rationalize our lack of faithfulness to the commitments we have made? _____

(5) List some **good** examples you have personally had in your life of faithfulness and how they have impacted you: _____

(6) List some **bad** examples you have personally had in your life of faithfulness and how they have impacted you: _____

(7) As you study this Scripture and pray for insight, what do you believe God wants you to do this week? _____
