

QUESTIONS

Day 1: Review

Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Mark 14:36, "Father, all things are possible for You. Help me today to gain wisdom and understanding from Your Word."

1. What challenged or encouraged you most from the lecture?
2. What in the commentary helped you understand God's word?

Day 2: Read Ruth 1:1-5, Deuteronomy 23:3-6 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

3. When did the story of Ruth occur? Name Naomi's husband and children. To where did they travel, and what caused them to leave their homes? List the names of the wives of Naomi's two sons and where they were from. What does v. 5 state about Naomi's husband and sons?
4. According to Deuteronomy 23:3-6, how were Israelites expected to act toward Moabites?
5. Describe how Naomi must have felt due to the life challenges she experienced.

Day 3: Read Ruth 1:6-13, Proverbs 29:23, Philippians 2:2-5, 1 John 3:16 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

6. What caused Naomi to go back to her home in Bethlehem, and with whom did she travel?

7. Explain why Elimelech's decision to take his family from the Promised Land to Moab was probably not wise.
8. Describe what you discover about Naomi's character in today's passage. Be specific.
9. Write down your insights about selflessness from the following cross references:
 - Proverbs 29:23
 - Philippians 2:2-5
 - 1 John 3:16

Day 4: Read Ruth 1:14-18 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

10. What decision did Orpah and Ruth make concerning where they would live?
11. Describe what you learn of Ruth's character and faith from today's lesson.

Day 5: Read Ruth 1:19-22, John 10:10, John 16:33, 2 Peter 1:3 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. How would you depict the emotional and spiritual state of Naomi when she returned to Bethlehem with Ruth?
13. When have you ever felt "emptied" by the Lord? What were the circumstances allowed by God that led to your emptiness?

14. What do you learn about fulfillment of life from the verses below?

- John 10:10
- John 16:33
- 2 Peter 1:3

Day 6: Read Psalm 28:7, Isaiah 41:10, John 15:9-11, James 1:2-5 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

15. How might the following cross references help you when you experience a lack of joy due to some hardship in your life like that of Naomi?

- Psalm 28:7
- Isaiah 41:10
- John 15:9-11
- James 1:2-5

16. What is something that challenged you in the first chapter of Ruth that you will apply to your life?