



**“Your people will be my people and your God my God.” Ruth 1:16**

## *Bible Study:*



Read Ruth Consider how Boaz's wealth and loving provision provide a great picture of God's love for us.

## *The gospel in the story:*



Naomi, returning to Bethlehem is a picture of the type of despair and hopelessness humanity faces because of sin that has separated us from God. Yet, the book of Ruth isn't about bitterness, it is a love story about a man who redeems a woman (and her mother-in-law) in a kind and loving way. The loving redemption of Ruth is a picture of how God has provided a redeemer – through Ruth's lineage – who lovingly has redeemed sinners from hopelessness.

## *Application*

### *Head:* **What did we learn?**

- Q: How did God provide food for Naomi and Ruth? A: Ruth gleaned from the fields.  
Q: Who did Ruth meet when she was gleanings? A: Boaz, the owner of the field.  
Q: How did Boaz treat Ruth? A: He was very nice to Ruth, and even treated her with favor  
Q: Why is it important that Boaz was a relative of Naomi? A: Relatives had a responsibility to widows to watch over them (redeem them and their property).  
Q: Ruth became the great-grandmother of what man? A: David, who was the forefather of Jesus.

### *Heart :* **Memory verse**

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. JOB 19:25

### *Hands:* **How does this affect the way I live?**

Though, there may be hard (bitter) times, God has a plan to care for those He loves. Just as He provided a redeemer for Ruth (and Naomi), He has provided a Redeemer, Jesus, to rescue humanity from sin.

### *Home:* **How does this affect my household?**

Boaz was a Godly man. So even though he was rich, household was established, not in his wealth, but ultimately on God.

### *Heaven:* **How does this help us share our faith?**

Follower's of Christ are all like Ruth. We turned from our old identity (sin and death), to a new identity in Jesus. We are witnesses that God is a loving, pursuing God who wants to redeem those who put their faith in Him.