



**Life Group Study  
Ruth 3-4**

The second half of the book of Ruth, which we will study today, shows the turnaround in what began as a very depressing story in Scripture. Remember, this book started with three funerals. As we will see, God's providence prevails, and Naomi and Ruth are restored. The book that begins with three funerals ends with a wedding and the birth of a child. Even more than restoring both Naomi and Ruth and blessing them during their earthly lives, God caused their stories to become a part of the Great Story in a way that neither one of them ever could have imagined. The perspective that we gain from the book of Ruth gives us a great view of the ability that God has to take tragedy and turn it into triumph for Himself and for His people. It gives us hope in times of struggle and shows us the benefit of following Him in all of life's circumstances.

**Read Ruth 3:1-4:12.**

These chapters continue to develop our understanding of the strong character of each of the three main people in this story. Take a few minutes to discuss what this passage reveals about each of the following people. Feel free to implement events that you remember from the first two chapters of Ruth as well.

Naomi (3:1-4):

Ruth (3:5-13):

Boaz (3:9-4:12):

**Read Ruth 4:13-22.**

This final passage of Ruth is really the payoff for the entire book. It shows us so much about the control of God over our circumstances and how He can take awful situations and make them work out for our good and His glory. The story already ends happily for Naomi and Ruth and they didn't even know what God had planned for the future. If Naomi and Ruth knew that their family line would extend to include the Savior of the world, they would have been ecstatic! What a great testimony to God's Providence!

How did God care for the needs of these two women throughout the entire book?

Name some of the events that could be explained as happening by "chance," but that the author is clearly suggesting actually happened by the hand of God.

How did God use their awful circumstances for their good and for His glory?

What does this tell us about our own circumstances and what God can do in us and through us even when we face trials and tragedies?

What were the blessings of God that Naomi and Ruth never realized during their lives on earth?

Why do you think God included this book in the Bible? What are the primary lessons that we can learn from the book of Ruth?

Spend some time as a group praying for anybody in the group who is going through a season of trial. Ask God to bring about His blessing in their lives in similar way that He did for Naomi and Ruth.