

Sunday February 14th 2016
Ruth
Part Four
Study Questions

1). Read Ruth 1:6-10 – v8-9 set side by side the choice that faces both Orpah and Ruth – what is the first choice that we see in v8 and which scripture did we look at in which we find echoes of this?

a). What is the choice presented in v9?

b). How does this choice differ from v8 and in which scripture did we find an echo of it?

c). What connection do you think there might be between Hebrews 6:1-3 and the journey made to Bethlehem?

d). As we see it is when Naomi and Ruth have arrived in Bethlehem that Ruth begins to know about a kinsman redeemer, work and wages, marriage and a redeemed inheritance – what do you think this teaches us about our own experience and can you think of any scripture that would show this?

e). Read Genesis 24:13-14 – What is the connection between these verses, Ruth’s arrival in Bethlehem and our own experience?

2). We know that Orpah turning back to Moab is a type of the unfaithful Christian, but there may be another type seen in the separation of Orpah and Ruth – Read Galatians 4:30, Ephesians 4:22-24 and Hebrews 4:12 – what other picture can you draw from the separation of these 2 women?

a). What other scriptures can we add into this picture?

b). Read Ruth 1:8-9 again – in the light of what we have just been studying what does this now teach us about ourselves and what does it teach us about why Christians are faithful and why Christians are unfaithful?

c). What encouragement did we find in Hebrews 12:1-2 and how does Ruth fit into this?

d). Ruth is described as, ‘of the women of Moab’, what does this mean and why does it make her experience so significant for us?

3). Read Genesis 24:51-61 – What events in Ruth do v51-54 parallel?

a). Who is involved in orchestrating the events in Ruth and who orchestrates them in Genesis 24? How do we put these 2 together and which verses did we look at in connection with this?

b). The events in Ruth and Genesis 24:51-54 deal with exactly the same thing within 2 interrelated timeframes – what are the timeframes and how would we know?

c). How is the journey seen in Ruth different from the journey seen in Genesis 24 and how are they inextricably connected?

d). What do Ruth and Rebekah have in common and who do they picture?

e). Read Ruth 4:9-11 and Genesis 24:64-67 – what do we learn from these 2 accounts?

f). Read Ruth 1:18 – does this mean no more testing?

g). Any final thoughts?