

## **Ruth 1 – 2**

1. How do you make important decisions?
2. Watch the video **Ruth**.
3. Why did Elimelech decide to move his family to Moab?
4. How do you think Elimelech came to this decision? Judges 21:25 tells us, “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.” Ruth lived during the time of Judges.
5. Did Elimelech make a wise decision to move his family to a pagan land so that they would have food and other provisions? What temptations and problems should they have considered before making the move?
6. What does Naomi mean when she says, “The hand of the Lord has turned against me.”
7. What do the following verses tell us about the character of Ruth:
  - a. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor.” (2:2)
  - b. The servant who was in charge of the reapers told Boaz, “She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, ‘Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.’ So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment. (2:6-7)
  - c. Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to Boaz, “Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?” (2:10)
  - d. So, she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley (about ½ bushel – 24 pounds). She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over from her meal after she herself had been satisfied.”
8. What resources should we turn to when we are trying to discern God’s will?
9. In what ways does Boaz foreshadow Christ?

**RETELL THE STORY AS A GROUP**