**RUTH | Review Questions**

1. The events of Ruth took place in what era and location? Why is this town significant?
2. What time of year does the story take place, and how is this relevant to the narrative?
3. Who was Boaz to Naomi, and how were they related?
4. How did Ruth the Moabitess come into Naomi’s family? Why did she remain with her?
5. When viewed as a fore-shadow of Christ’s kingdom, who might be represented by the characters of Naomi and Ruth? Who is represented by Boaz?
6. What four essential traits does a ‘kinsman-redeemer’ need to possess? Does Jesus Christ embody these qualities?
7. How is God’s hand (providence) shown throughout the book of Ruth?
8. Why might Boaz have been sympathetic to someone ‘outside’ of Israel, but who demonstrated worthiness and faith in God?
9. What did Boaz possess (toward Ruth) that the nearer kinsman did not?
10. When Ruth presents herself at Boaz’s feet, what does she have to offer him as a dowry?
11. Boaz redeemed the line of Elimelech. This line, through his son Obed, leads directly to what two kings? What passages connect these kings?
12. Why is Perez mentioned in Ch. 4 with regard to Boaz and the clans of Bethlehem? Are there any similarities to his mother’s life and Ruth’s?
13. How does this specific provision of the law – the ***goel*** or ‘kinsman-redeemer’ – serve as our tutor to bring us to Christ?
14. The Hebrew order of Scripture includes Ruth right after the book of Proverbs. How might Proverbs (wisdom personified) connect to the story of Ruth?
15. Might Naomi have felt differently in Ch. 4 compared to earlier in the book? Do you think she would agree at this point in her life with Romans 8:28?
16. Throughout Ruth, of whom is great faith required or demonstrated? How is this faith rewarded? Do these examples of faith teach us anything about the faithfulness of GOD?
17. What significance does Ruth’s nationality, and her being grafted into a Jewish family, represent regarding Christ’s kingdom today?
18. How does Boaz leaving gleanings in his field demonstrate faithfulness to God? What other indications do we get of Boaz’s faithful character in this book?
19. If Ruth had not been faithful to Naomi, how might Naomi’s life have turned out?
20. God can accomplish His will through ordinary people and their seemingly small acts of faith in day to day living. The book of Ruth attests to this fact. Reflect on this and list some ways you believe God has acted in your own life. Has He blessed others through your life, have you been blessed by the faithfulness of others, or both?