

Dig Deeper into Ruth 1 for individuals and groups...



Here are some questions as we start getting into the book, also do bring your own questions that you may have.

1. What is the significance of the land of Israel to Old Testament Jews (Gen 12:7; Ex 3:8, 6:4; Deut 26:15)? How should we understand Naomi's departure from the land in that context? What put distance between Naomi and God? Is there anything you feel puts distance between you and God?
2. How could Naomi's experience of coming back to God impact how we interact with God?
3. What do you think Ruth's exposure to God would have been like before her conversion in this chapter? What does Ruth's conversion say about God's character? How does Ruth's conversion impact how we live our lives?
4. What signs of God's good providence (his hand organising the events of our lives) do you see in this story? When in life will you need to remember this encouragement?

Top tip: why not spend a few minutes this week reading through the whole book. It will only take a short while, and the more you read the more you will get out of the upcoming studies.

Resources...

- Charlie found **John Piper's** early sermons on these chapters helpful at: <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/ruth>.
- The **Bible Project** has made a great 7 min intro to the book at <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ruth>
- Vaughan Roberts' book and website "**God's Big Picture**" helpfully overviews how the whole Bible fits together and how the blessings of the people, place and rule find their fulfilment in Christ. <https://www.godsbigpicture.co.uk/>