

Study Notes and Questions for Ruth Chapter 4

- Describe in your own words the role of a Kinsman Redeemer.
- Why was it important that the name of the dead man should not disappear from the family or be separated from his property (see 4:5, 10)?
- What does this show about Israel's view of family and property?
- Think about the choices Boaz and the unnamed relative each make in 4:2–10. What do you learn about each man's priorities?
- How was Boaz rewarded for risking his own name and posterity?
- How did Ruth and Boaz's marriage affect Naomi?
- What do you learn about God's heart by studying this book?
- Why is it significant that God did not intervene in Naomi's life with quick answers, but waited many years to bring about a blessing?
- Does God act in your life as He did in Naomi's? If so, how? How should this lead you to respond?
- What does the story of Ruth show about God's responsibility and people's responsibility in working out God's plans?
- Could your parents or in-laws say that you are better to them than seven sons? What does this kind of praise say about how a person like Ruth treats her family? How can you be like this?
- What was your biggest take-away from the study of Ruth?