



Ruth

Background

- What does the Lecture suggest about the author of the book of Ruth? What does this tell us about this book?
- What are the two different locations of the book of Ruth in the English and Hebrew Bibles? What is the reason for and significance of this placement in either case? What does this tell us about this book?
- What does the Lecture state about the purpose(s) of this book? What does this tell us about this book? Why does this matter?

Outline

- How is the book of Ruth organized? What are the four main sections of the book? What does each section generally cover? What does this tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply Ruth?

Content

- What are the key verses of Ruth? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Ruth? What does each tell us about how God relates to His people? What does each tell about how God's people should relate to Him?
- How do the key verses demonstrate Ruth's conversion and change of status? What is the significance of this?
- What is unique about the way the author of this book describes the work of God in this story?
- What is Naomi's problem described by the plot of this book? What hardship did she experience? How did she describe herself as a result of these experiences?
- Describe the contrast between the actions of Naomi's two daughters-in-law. What does this display about Ruth? How does this contribute to the plot of this book?
- Describe the various possible hindrances Ruth faced in trying to fit into Israelite society. How did her conversion solve these possible problems?
- What is the problem faced by Naomi and Ruth, once they returned to Judah? How is this problem solved? Why did this happen?
- What was the issue that had to be resolved before Boaz could marry Ruth? How was it resolved?
- What took place at the city gate and why was it important for the story? What is the significance of what happened?
- How does the story end? Why is this important?

Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell about the content, message and significance of Ruth? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- What is meant by the phrase "Covenant Faithfulness" and how is this demonstrated in the book of Ruth?
- Describe what is meant by the phrase "Contrast Faithfulness"? How is this demonstrated in this book? What should we learn from this? How does it apply?

- How is God's working demonstrated in this book? What are the implications of this for how we should expect God to work in our own lives? What difference does this make?
- How does this book prepare for David?

Review

Review the four major sections of Ruth and work toward committing this to memory.

Review the key themes of Ruth and work toward committing them to memory.