



Ruth: wk 2

A short book in the Old Testament gives us not only an interesting look at the bloodline of David-also meaning Jesus' bloodline; but also a study in God's provision in the midst of life's pain.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever found out a family secret that really surprised you? Can you share it or at least what you felt with that discovery?
2. The book of Ruth contains no miracles or message directly from God. Why do you think God wants that story recorded for us?
3. Ruth 2 & 3 contain the elements of the love story between Ruth and Boaz. What does their conduct with each other and with Naomi say about who they were?
4. **Read Matthew 1:3-5** What names in the genealogy stand out from the sermon? What does it say about God that Tamar, Ruth, and Rahab would all be mentioned by name in the genealogy of Jesus?
5. **Read Isaiah 61:1-3** This proclamation in Isaiah of the "Day of the Lord" is a prophecy about redemption. How does God take ashes and turn them to beauty? Have you seen or experienced that?
6. Why does it often take pain to drive us into seeking what God is doing or wants to do in and through our lives?
7. In many ways it's been a painful season, even for the church – what do you think God is up to in the middle of that pain?

Shaping Your Mind *Isaiah 61:3 NLT To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes...*

Moving Forward – When you are experiencing pain, always remember you are not in that pain alone.