An Introduction to the Book of Ruth  
Video Session 1

Fill in the following note-blanks as you watch the video (NOTE: Please disregard any reference to page numbers given in the video. These refer to an earlier version of note-blank, and not to this study guide.)

1. The story of Ruth is one of the most beautiful _____________ stories of all time.

2. This is also a story about __________________________.

3. In the book of Ruth, we find women going through various _______________ of life.

4. In Ruth we see almost every __________ of ____________ that a woman can experience.

5. Ruth is one of five women listed in the genealogy of Christ in Matthew 1.

6. To be related to Jesus is not a matter of being a good woman or a religious person, it’s a matter of being a sinner who knows something of the _____________ of God.

7. Major themes in the Book of Ruth:
   - The ______________________________ of God.
   - The meaning of ______________________ love.
   - The ______________ that one can make.
   - The meaning of ____________________.

8. The Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer:
   - The kinsman-redeemer had both a __________ and a __________ to his impoverished relative.
   - The kinsman-redeemer could buy back land and ____________ it to a relative.
   - The kinsman-redeemer could also raise up __________ for his brother, to preserve the family name.
Running, Rebuke, Repentance
Video Session 2

Fill in the following note-blanks as you watch the video.

1. The setting for the Book of Ruth is in the wicked days when the _______________ ruled.

2. Famine was unusual in this land. Bethlehem-Judah means “house of _______________ and _______________.”

3. The famine was a result of _________________, so the solution was not in ________________, but in _________________.

4. The moment this family stepped out of God’s will, God began creating _________________ to bring them back home and back to Himself.

5. God used two things to bring Naomi back:
   
   - His hand of ________________
   - News of ________________ back home

6. Repent mean to _________________ my mind, to realize I’ve been going my own way instead of _________________ way.

7. When Naomi repented, she had to get up and ________________ Moab.

8. Repentance is the first step in the process of _________________.

9. Our “Moab” is the places, things, and people to which we turn to get our ________________ met rather than looking to _________________. Moab is the _________________ for God in our lives.
Resolve
Video Session 3

Fill in the following note-blanks as you watch the video.

1. Naomi was looking for __________________ for herself and her daughters-in-law. This is a recurring theme in the Book of Ruth.

2. Bitterness of spirit produces __________________ in our souls.

3. Rest is not a matter of a change in our ______________circumstances, but something God gives within our hearts.

4. The daughters-in-law are faced with a ______________________.

5. They could choose between the pathway of _______________ and ______________ or the pathway of _______________ and ________________.

6. If you’re willing to sacrifice immediate _______________ to settle for long-term blessing, you will choose the pathway of commitment and compassion.

7. Ruth made a:
   • conscious, _______________ choice. Her choice was a matter of ______________ and ________________.
   • choice based on ______________ rather than feelings.
   • a steadfast, ______________ choice.
   • ______________, lifetime choice.
   • ____________ percent choice requiring total commitment.
   • ____________ choice.

8. The foundational choice to follow Christ does not eliminate smaller choices that we must make on a daily basis, but it does ______________ them.
Resentment
Video Session 4

Fill in the follow note-blanks as you watch the video.

1. The outcome of our lives is not determined by what happens to us, but by how we ____________ to what happens to us.

2. How we respond will be determined by our ______________ of God.

3. Naomi had a faulty view of God. She did not see that the painful circumstances in her life were an expression of God’s _______________.

4. Naomi responded to her circumstances in resentment and ______________, and others became defiled by the overflow.

5. As a step to determine if you are bitter, ask:
   - Is there anyone in my life that I have never fully ______________?  
   - Is there any person or circumstances in my life for which I have never ___________ God?

6. Naomi, in the process of ______________, needed a right view of God.

7. To be set free from bitterness, we need to:
   - Look ________________.
   - Look ________________.
Refuge
Video Session 5

Fill in the following note-blanks as you watch the video.

1. In contrast to Naomi’s spirit of bitterness, we see Ruth’s response to her ____________ circumstances.

2. In the Old Testament, God’s provision for the poor was that they should ________________, and that the wealthy should ________________ the poor to work.

3. Another title for this chapter might be __________ and _____________.

4. Ruth was diligent and _________________. Even menial work, when done through love, can be a _________________.

5. From Ruth’s standpoint, she just “happened” to come upon Boaz’s field, but with God there are no _________________.

6. Boaz tells Ruth to stay in his field—the “Field of _________________.

7. “God will rarely change my circumstances until He has used my circumstances to ________________ me.”

8. The “Wings of God” provide:
   - ___________________ (Psalm 17:8-9)
   - ___________________ (Psalm 36:7-8)
   - ________________ in the midst of the storm (Psalm 57:1)
   - help and ________________ (Psalm 63:7)
   - _________ in the midst of ________________ circumstances (Psalm 91:4)

9. Three qualifications of a Kinsman-Redeemer are:
   - The man had to have the ________________ to redeem—he had to be related.
   - The man had to have the ________________ to redeem—the ability to pay.
   - The man had to be ________________ to redeem.
Fill in the following note-blanks as you watch the video.

1. Ruth wants nothing for herself; she is seeking an ________________ for her deceased husband. She is fulfilling her __________ to follow the ways of God in restoring her family name and family lands.

2. Ruth’s response gives us a key to successful marriage relationships—not based on personal happiness, but rather on ________________, sacrifice, obedience, and ________________.

3. Ruth first found refuge under the shadow of God's wings, and then she was able to find refuge under the garment of a ________________.

4. Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer, says to Ruth, “Don’t be ________________. I will do for you ________________ you ask.”

5. Ruth was known in the city as a woman of ________________ character. She is a ________________ woman.

6. Women’s virtue should ________________ men.

7. Virtue is a matter of the ________________ and it affects everything in our lives.

8. Naomi now counsels Ruth to ________________ until Boaz settles the matter.

9. God doesn’t fix every situation ________________; sometimes we too must ________________.
Redemption & Restoration

Video Session 6—Part Two

Fill in the following note-blanks as you watch the video.

1. The grace of God always has a __________________________.

2. The city elders pronounced a three-fold blessing to Boaz and Ruth:
   - A blessing on the __________________________
   - A blessing on the __________________________
   - A blessing on their __________________________

3. The women of the city told Naomi that she would ________________ have a “goel” (redeemer) to care for her.

   Our Redemption

4. Our condition: ________________ and ________________
   
   Two biblical words that describe our situation:
   __________________________
   __________________________

5. His intervention

6. The transaction: ________________ of ________________. I become His!
   
   My part—by faith:
   
   Acknowledge my ________________.
   Appeal for grace.
   Give myself and my situation fully to Him.

   His part

7. The transformation
   
   My __________________________
   My __________________________
   My __________________________