

Ruth Overview

Chapter 1

Setting the Scene

Introduction to Naomi. What is going on? How does this affect her? What life does she have to offer her daughters-in-law? Compare Orpah and Ruth's response.

Chesed is major theme in this book. Who is showing chesed in this situation? What is the backstory for the Moabites? See Genesis 19.

*Don't know what chesed means? Check out our YouTube video.

Chapter 2

Back in Bethlehem

Introduction to Boaz. What do we know about him? Pay attention to how people treat him. Pay attention to how people treat Ruth and how they refer to her. Where is Naomi in this chapter? How is she still a part of the story? Who is showing chesed in this chapter?

Chapter 3

At the Threshing Floor

A scene filled with sexual tension. Don't forget the backstory of Genesis 19! What does Naomi say to do? What exactly does Ruth do? How does Boaz respond? Who shows chesed in this chapter?

Chapter 4

Happy Ending

Compare Boaz with the unnamed relative. Who is doing their duty? What is Ruth's role in this chapter? What is Naomi's role in this chapter? Who would you

say the story focuses on the most – Naomi or Ruth? What does this entire story teach us about chesed?