

# Ruth

## Bible Study Chapter 4

1. Read the chapter and write down any questions and thoughts that come to you.
2. Why does Boaz discuss the situation of Ruth and Naomi with the closer redeemer at the city gate? Verse 1. See also Genesis 34:20 and Joshua 20:4.
3. Why did Boaz get ten elders to sit down with him and the other man? Verse 2. See also verse four and Zechariah 8:23.
4. At first the nearer redeemer agrees to redeem the land but what other condition that Boaz reveals keeps him from being a redeemer? Verses 3 through 6.
5. What might the nearer redeemer be a similitude of? And how might this shed light upon what his reason is for refusing to redeem Ruth in verse six?

6. Why do you think that Boaz would say that he "bought... the Moabite" to be his wife in verse ten? What spiritual connection might we draw from it?
  
7. What do the town people at the gate declare to Boaz and how would you label it? Verses 11 through 12. See also Genesis 38.
  
8. Is what the women say to Naomi a blessing or prophecy? Verses 13-17.
  
9. Why does this book end with a genealogy? Consider question seven and Deuteronomy 23:2.