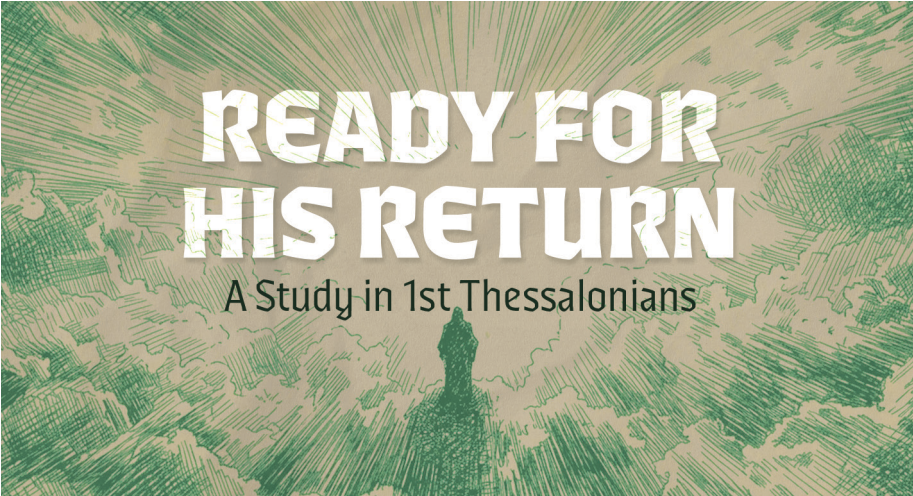




For the Glory of God

BIBLICAL GUIDANCE FOR GIVING



READY FOR HIS RETURN

A Study in 1st Thessalonians



Ruth

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HOW TO USE THIS SERIES GUIDE:

Each week of the series contains three parts:

1. Scripture covered in that week's sermon

2. A place to journal or take notes

3. A discussion guide with questions



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Ruth

Scene 1:

Blessing in Bitterness

Ruth 1:1-22

D-Group Discussion Guide

Read **Ruth 1:1-14** and discuss the following.

1. What do we know about this time period (**Judges 21:25**)?
2. List the various problems facing Naomi. Which would you most worry about if you were in her situation?
3. How would you describe Naomi's beliefs and feelings about God? How have hard times affected the way you think about God? What did you most learn about Him during those times? What did you discover about yourself?

Read **Ruth 1:15-22** and discuss the following.

4. Describe Ruth and her commitment to Naomi. How would you describe her character and beliefs about God?
5. What does Naomi do upon returning to Bethlehem? Is there any hint that the Lord is already bringing blessing to Naomi? Explain your answer.

Scene 2:

The Waterer Watered

Ruth 2:1-23

“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.”

Proverbs 11:25

D-Group Discussion Guide

Briefly work together to review the main events from chapter 1.

Read **Ruth 2:1-13** and discuss the following.

1. We are introduced to Boaz. What stands out to you about him, and why? How would you describe his character?
2. What does Boaz admire about Ruth? How does Ruth respond to Boaz's blessing?

Read **Ruth 2:14-23** and discuss the following.

3. Describe the drastic change for Ruth from the beginning of the book until now.
4. How does Boaz go above and beyond in caring for Ruth?
5. Discuss how his kindness toward Ruth is similar to the Lord's kindness toward us. How have you responded to God's grace and kindness toward *you*?

Scene 3:

Fear & Faith

Ruth 3:1-18

D-Group Discussion Guide

Read **Ruth 3:1-18** and discuss the following.

1. Summarize Naomi's plan for Ruth. What all does it entail?
2. What do Ruth's actions mean? What is she requesting? How can she be so bold?
3. How does Boaz respond? How does he make his intentions known?
4. The couple must wait to see if the nearer redeemer is willing. How do Ruth and Boaz exercise faith in this simple act?
5. How well do you do with waiting? What can struggling in this area reveal about one's heart? How can we help one another to wait well?

Scene 4:

Redemption

Ruth 4:1-12

D-Group Discussion Guide

Read **Ruth 4:1-12** and discuss the following.

1. In your own words, describe Boaz's negotiation tactics. How do they reveal his desire to redeem Ruth?
2. Why does the first-in-line redeemer decline? What reason does Boaz give for redeeming Ruth? Discuss how these two responses and lines of reasoning are different.
3. Rather than trusting Jesus, our real Redeemer, people often settle for lesser substitutes. List some of these unreliable redeemers. Which are you most tempted to trust?
4. Consider what we have read about Ruth and Boaz. Which of their traits do you wish to imitate in your life, and why?

Conclusion:

Genealogy Matters

Ruth 4:13-22

Family Worship Guide

Read or tell the story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz.
Then discuss some personal takeaways from this book.



You can use resources like *The Bible Project* (scan the QR code to the left) or the *Jesus Storybook Bible*.

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