

Ruth 1 Discussion Guide:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed; alleluia! Blessings to you during this Easter season. What a blessing it is that we have a risen Savior, a Savior who has defeated even death for us. As we look at the story of Ruth, at God's redemption even in the midst of suffering, I pray that we might be reminded of our redemption in Christ's suffering. Again, if you have any questions on the Bible Study or answers/thoughts that you'd like to share, feel free to email me at pastor.klatt@grace-connect.org or text/call me at (913)209-8622 (preferably before 5 PM!). Pastor Zachary Klatt

1:6—Throughout this chapter, we see a beautiful relationship between Naomi and her two daughters-in-law. As we consider our relationships with our families (immediate and extended) what are we doing to foster this kind of love and kinship? Are there areas where we need to improve? If so, what are some concrete steps we could take to mend and improve these relationships?

1:15—Naomi has effectively told her daughters to seek out their physical prosperity rather than cling to the promises that the Lord offers. Do you feel that Naomi is making a mistake in this regard? Why or why not? How can we better balance caring for people's physical needs while also showing them the needs of ultimate importance in Christ?

1:16-17—Take a moment to meditate on these words of Ruth. I'd encourage you to say these words to someone among your family and friends. What impact do these words have on you?

1:20-21—Naomi in this section expresses her frustration with God as she looks at the suffering she and her daughters-in-law have endured. How do we balance trusting in God's provision with rightly lamenting to God when we see the results of sin and evil in the world? Do you feel like Naomi appropriately balances this tension in our text? Why or why not?