

MATRIARCHS

A 13 Week Study of Mothers of the Bible
*Discover the Power of Motherhood
through the Lives of Those Who Have
Gone Before Us*

WEEK 1 - NAOMI

SMALL GROUP & INDIVIDUAL WORKSHEET FOR DEEPER STUDY

1. Read Ruth 1 and describe your thoughts about the following:
 - * Elimelech's decision to move to Moab
 - * How you would have handled your husband moving the family away from your family and friends -
 - * Ruth's heart to cling to Naomi and Naomi's God -
 - * What you think it was about Naomi that made Ruth want to stay -
 - * What you think went through Naomi's mind when she returned to Bethlehem -
2. Read Psalm 34:18 and explain how the truth in that verse can help someone walk through deep pain and difficult circumstances.

3. Read Isaiah 61:1-3. Note that this passage is speaking about Jesus. Some theologians refer to these verses as the *Purpose Statement of Christ*. Below, list what it is that Jesus came to do and how what He does can affect your life.

4. Read Ruth 2 and describe your thoughts about the following:
 - Ruth's request in Ruth 2:1 -

 - Boaz's acceptance of Ruth in Ruth 2:8-17

 - Naomi's response in Ruth 2:20-21

5. Read Ruth 3 and allow yourself to meet Naomi the matchmaker. Her instructions to Ruth were a bit risky. What if Boaz wasn't the man of integrity she thought he was? What if a woman in under his covers was more than he could take? It was definitely risky business. But don't miss the intent. Naomi knew that Boaz had shown an interest in Ruth, so she sent Ruth on her way to propose to him.
 - What are the stigmas of a woman proposing to a man in our culture?

 - List the emotions that most likely ran through Ruth's heart.

 - List the ways that Boaz responded and the instructions he gave Ruth.

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6. Read Ruth 4:1-11 and notice Boaz's wisdom in the way he presented the kinsman redeemer's case to the kinsman who was closer to Ruth than he was. What does that tell you about his desire to marry Ruth?

7. A kinsman redeemer was one who was the next of kin and their role and responsibility to was to redeem what was lost or what would be potentially lost due to adverse circumstances. Read the verses provided below and write what the kinsman redeemers were to redeem.
 - Leviticus 25:25-28 and Jeremiah 32:6-9 -

 - Leviticus 25:47-55 -

 - Genesis 38:8-10, Deuteronomy 25:5-10, Matthew 22:23-28, Mark 12:18-23, Luke 20:27-33 -

8. Boaz is a foreshadow of Jesus, our Kinsman Redeemer. Read the verses below and explain how these verses demonstrate that God has provided His Son as our Kinsman Redeemer and why that is so important.
 - Matthew 1:21

 - Galatians 3:13-15

 - Hebrews 2:14-17