

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from February 1, 2009 The Short Story of Ruth: A Brief Survey and Overview of the Book

Observing the text

Read Ruth in one sitting and state the purpose of the book.

What is it about God that allows us to trust in Him no matter what the circumstances? When is the last time that you had to remind yourself of these attributes of God during hard times?

What examples of redemption can you think of in the scripture? What significance does redemption have in your everyday life?

Take time to thank God for all He has provided for you, despite times of uncertainty and instability.

Applying the sermon

Read through the book of Ruth and take notes about what the themes of the book are and in which verses they are found.

In chapter 1, Naomi has lost a lot. What is sinful about her response to God? Try to think of instances where you responded sinfully to a difficult trial. What was God teaching you through it?

Looking to the needs of others above your own is a challenge but couldn't be closer to the heart of what God wants from us. Read Philippians 2:3-4. How is your life characterized by being self-serving in your relationships? What are ways you can serve others better and more selflessly?

Spend some moments in prayer thinking on, and thanking God for Christ our Redeemer (Colossians 1:11-14; Hebrews 9:11-14; Psalms 130:3-7).

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