

Homework/Study Notes /Discussion Questions:
(for use in your own home study or in your home group)

Think about and discuss:

1. Read Deuteronomy 31:9–13. How does the failure to obey the command given explain the situation in Ruth 1:1–5? What are the implications for Christian families and churches?
2. Read Romans 1:18–32. What marks of the wrath of God can we see our society today?
3. How do the truths of Ruth 1:1–5 point us to the redeeming work of our Lord Jesus Christ?
4. Do you think we take the Lord’s warnings seriously enough today? How can we help ourselves and one another in this?
5. Consider situations in which we are tempted to live as if the Lord is not King. In what circumstances are we tempted to make decisions based on fear not faith? What other factors guide our decision-making, instead of faith in the Lord?
6. What experiences have you had of bitter trials that prepared the way for the Lord’s kindness?
7. How can we best help a Christian friend who is tasting a bitter pill from the Lord?

*“Where do we go from here?”
(Don’t go back to Moab!)
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What the Bible says about us:

Romans 3:23 – *“For there is no difference (among us);²³ for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”*

James 3:2 – *“For we all stumble in many things.”*

John 8:7 – Jesus said, *“He who is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone.”*

The Mathematics of Sin

1. Sin always _____ to your trouble and your sorrow.
2. Sin always SUBTRACTS from your energy and zeal. Sin robs you and drains you.
3. Sin always MULTIPLIES your _____. Sin doesn’t make life easier, it makes it more complicated.
4. Sin _____ DIVIDES your loyalty. It will divide you with your brother or sister and with the Lord.

Why do we have to REPENT? Because we are _____!
I Jn. 1:8 says “if you say you are not a sinner, you are a liar.”

Repentance is WONDERFUL. Because repentance is where you get to say, “I am sorry. I WAS WRONG! Please Forgive me!”

It is where we get to _____ OURSELVES!

Those nine little words, “I am sorry. I WAS WRONG! Please forgive me” are so very POWERFUL.....and they can be used in any relationship..... in your marriage.....in your family.....in your church.....in your workplace..... any where!
EVERYWHERE! They are _____!

We have a REDEEMER! We are the REDEEMED!

Isaiah 48:17 – NIV - *This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.”*

Isaiah 62:12 – NIV – *“They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord.”*

Psalms 107:2 – NKJ - *“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy”*

Romans 3:23-24 - NKJ – *“For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”*

Titus 2:13-14 – ESV – *“our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem.”*

It is easy to be PASSIONATE but it is hard to be _____!

We can have EMOTIONS, without _____.

How do you get committed? **BY _____ YOU MAKE! BY CHOICES YOU MAKE!**

DECISIONS are _____!

DECISIONS are what take us _____ OUR DESTINY!
Or away from our destiny!

Meaning of key words in the book of Ruth
Bethlehem – “house of _____.”

Country or land can be translated _____.

Original name of Bethlehem was Ephrath.

Elimelech mean “My _____ is my king.”

Moab is a type of the _____

Warnings of God – (See Lev. 26:14-20; Ezk. 3:16-19)

Law regarding gleaning – (see Lev. 19:9; 23:22)

Law regarding a kinsman-redeemer. (See Lev. 25:25; 47-55)

A Kinsman-Redeemer – is a relative who has the responsibility to restore the full property rights of a disadvantaged family member. The concept arises from God’s covenant relationship with Israel and points to the redemption of all humanity in Jesus Christ.