

Ruth



STUDY GUIDE

PART 6: HOW CAN I BE SURE MY LIFE HAS MEANING?

Ruth 4:13–22; Matthew 1:1–16



MAIN IDEA

Our lives find lasting meaning when we discover our place in God's great story of redemption. The story of Ruth points us to Jesus, the ultimate Redeemer, and invites us to be part of what He is doing in the world today.



SCRIPTURE

"The women said to Naomi, 'Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a redeemer. May his name be renowned in Israel!'"

— *Ruth 4:14*



PRAYER

Lord, thank You for writing Your story of redemption throughout history and inviting me to be part of it. Help me to faithfully live in the place You have entrusted to me, for Your glory and the good of others. Amen.

OVERVIEW

A baby is born, and Naomi's story comes full circle. What began with emptiness ends with fullness and hope. The genealogy that follows reveals that this little story is part of God's much bigger plan. Through ordinary people—Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz—God continues His story of redemption, culminating in Jesus, our Redeemer.

KEY POINTS

1

GOD SPECIALIZES IN RESTORING EMPTY LIVES.

Ruth 4:13–17

Naomi, who once returned "empty," now holds a son in her arms. The women celebrate that Naomi has a son—Obed. God brings hope, life, and a future where there was once loss and despair.

2

GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY STORY INCLUDES ORDINARY PEOPLE.

Ruth 4:17–22

Ruth's faithfulness, Naomi's love, and Boaz's redemption become part of God's plan. Their faithfulness today shapes the future, influencing generations to come—including King David and beyond.

3

OUR STORY FINDS ITS MEANING INSIDE GOD'S STORY.

Matthew 1:1–16

The genealogy in Matthew reveals the destination of Ruth's story—Jesus Christ. God has been writing one redemptive story from beginning to end, and He invites us to be part of it today.



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 1 Where have you seen God bring hope or purpose out of a season that once felt empty?
- 2 How does the genealogy connecting Ruth to Jesus encourage you about God's plan and His faithfulness?
- 3 What can you do today to invest in God's redemptive work for the generations to come?