

In Ruth's vow (Ruth 1:15-17, find a key phrase marking an important distinction between her and Orpah, one that shapes her perspective on life.

What can we learn from this story of repentance? What is it about this story that illustrates repentance? How would you define repentance?



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Scripture References

Ruth - Chapter One • Deuteronomy 25:5-6

Prayer Requests



- 1) Naomi laid the blame for her troubles directly on God, not on _____ or random chance.

- 2) In her accusation, we learn that Naomi believed that God was in total control of _____.

- 3) God had _____ for Naomi and Ruth's needs with the principle of the Kinsman- redeemer.

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Small Group Discussion Questions



Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

Have you ever taken a wrong turn and gotten off-track?

If so, how far did you go before you realized your mistake, and what did it take to get back on-track?

During the famine, Elimelech made a drastic decision - to move to another nation. Have you ever faced a situation that seemed to require drastic action?

Do you believe God is in control of all things, including Naomi's (and our) suffering? If so, where does free will come in? How was God involved in the outcome of Elimelech's decision?

Have you ever felt like God was against you? What events made you feel that way? How was it resolved? In the end, did it still seem like God was against you?

- 4) Kinsman-redeemer: A relative who marries a widow and fathers a child to be the _____ heir of a dead relative.
- 5) In making her vow to Naomi, Ruth left _____ behind: family, friends, culture, religion.
_____ must do the same in following Christ..
- 6) If you're _____ someone, you have to be going the same direction.
- 7) A tiny nudge of the steering wheel can put you on a _____ road. Or off the road entirely.
- 8) Ruth shows us what it means to be fully _____.
- 9) in Ruth 1, the Hebrew word for "return" is used _____ times; the same word that is often translated as "repent,"
- 10) Ruth chapter one is an illustration of _____.
Naomi reversed the decision and the direction that she and her husband had taken.

Continued on reverse.