

Girl Please Bible Study 1: You Can't Get Boaz If You Ain't Ruth – Ruth 1:11-16, 2:2-7 & 3:10-18

Getting Things Started

- Per Genesis 19:35-37, the people of Moab are descendents of Lot and his oldest daughter
- Boaz is a descendent of Perez, who was the son of Judah and his daughter-in-law
- This story must take place during the time of the judges because Ruth and Boaz are King David's great grandparents.

1) What circumstances might make two people reluctant to announce to that they desire to get married?

2) What customs/beliefs might make it difficult for someone to find a life partner whom they can enhance while also being enhanced?

Into the Text

3) After reading today's scripture lesson, how would you describe Ruth's character? What kinds of characteristics do you think her mate would need to have in order to complement her?

| <u>Ruth's Characteristics</u> | <u>What Her Mate Would Need</u> |
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4) Ruth is referred to as a "Moabitess/Woman of Moab" and called "daughter" in today's lesson. What do the two different titles tell us about how Ruth is perceived?

| <u>Moabitess/Woman of Moab</u> | <u>Daughter</u> |
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5) Why do you think Boaz asks about Ruth?

Bringing Things Current

6) Over the years, many single Christian women been led to believe they must “wait for their Boaz” in order to be faithful Christian women. Do you think following this advice fits how Ruth acts in today's lesson or how Orpah acts in today's lesson? Do you believe one action is more faithful than the other? Why do you feel this way?

7) Ruth had to go to extraordinary lengths in order to live as a valued member of a society that placed more value on men than it did on women. What kinds of extraordinary lengths do modern believers go through in order to live as valued members of society and what is the society valuing more than them?
