



# SMALL GROUP STUDY

## Oh, the Wonder of it All!

This is a story of redemption. It happens during the period of the Judges, a time of rebellion, a time of everyone doing what was right in their own eyes, and a time of God's judgment...there was famine in the land. And, yet, there is the providence of God.

## Love's Resolve (Ruth 1)

This begins as a story of a family apart from God. Tragedy strikes the family and leads to God consciousness. Ruth makes a resolute commitment to adopt a culture and the God of Israel.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- What events happened that caused the upheaval of Naomi's family and the move back to the land of Judah?
- What was the most important and resolute decision that Ruth makes? And, what are some of the repercussions of that decision?
- Have you experienced hardship that has led you to God? Have there been small, pivotal decisions in your life that have had huge implications, either good or bad?

## Love's Response (Ruth 2)

This is a romantic story; the first time Ruth and Boaz meet and Boaz responds to Ruth. Boaz was a kinsman redeemer and he was a spiritual man. Ruth was a gracious woman. The trials of Ruth's past had not crushed her spirit. Her attitude more than her physical appearance made her beautiful.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- What were some of the sweet characteristics of Boaz and Ruth toward each other?
- What was the law of gleaning?
- How was Ruth similar to the Proverbs 31 woman?

## Love's Request (Ruth 3)

Naomi is planning a match. But, really, it is a match made in Heaven. Ruth makes a request to be redeemed...she proposes to Boaz and they wait for God's direction.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- What were the practical instructions that Naomi gave to Ruth?
- What was the law of the levirate marriage (Deuteronomy 25)?

## Love's Redeemed (Ruth 4)

Boaz goes to the gate of the city, a court room scene, and informs the closer relative of the situation. They agree that Boaz will be the redeemer. So, Ruth gets redeemed and the family land is bought back by Boaz. They have a son, Obed, who is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- How was Boaz like Christ?
- What were the similar circumstances in Revelation 5?