

# SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

DECEMBER 3, 2017

1. Read Ruth 1:1-7
2. When does Ruth's story take place, and what was the spiritual landscape in Israel like at this time? Why does knowing what the spiritual landscape in Israel matter to the opening section of the book of Ruth?
3. Why was it such a big deal for Elimelech to move his family from Israel to Moab during the famine? What does that move tell us about him?
4. How should Elimelech have responded to the spiritual decay going on around him in Israel at this time? What about you? How should you respond when you see spiritual decay around going on around you?
5. We learn from this account that it's never the right move to move away from God. In a practical sense, what can you do to help ensure that the moves (i.e. choices) you make don't move you away from the Lord?
6. Where do we see God's grace at work in bringing about Naomi's repentance? How does this tie in with the chastening she had experienced?
7. How does this scene in ch.1 point us to Christ and His coming at Christmas? Think of the feeding of the five thousand.
8. What is the message this scene gives to those who have been wayward?
9. What point of application can you make from this text and sermon?
10. Pray!