

Read Ruth 1. In this chapter it is implied that to be a part of a people is to worship the gods of that people. Is that still true?

Is Naomi depressed?

Do you think of depression as a medical condition or as a spiritual condition?

Is depression the same as deep sadness?

Who is responsible for Naomi being in the situation she is in?

How is the story of Naomi like the story of Job? How does it differ?

Is Naomi's relationship to God harmed by her attitude?

Read Ruth 2. In Leviticus 19:9-10 and Deuteronomy 24:19-22 Israel is commanded to leave some of the harvest. For whom are they to leave it?

Do we have any practices today that are like this practice of not harvesting to the very border of the field?

Why did Boaz take care of Ruth?

Boaz spoke a blessing upon Ruth. To whom does Ruth look for the fulfillment of that blessing?

How do you distinguish between what God is doing and what you are to do?

Read Ruth 3. Is what Ruth has done honorable?

Name women in the scriptures who are "creative" when they face challenges. Do they receive approval or condemnation?

Read Ruth 4. Why might the next of kin of Naomi not have been willing to take Naomi?

Why is Tamar mentioned? How does the story of Tamar parallel the story of Ruth?

In addition to Tamar and Ruth what other women are mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1?

Why is this book in the scriptures? What does it teach?