

INTRODUCTION: ANOTHER STORY OF SALVATION (c.1,2; see Jdgs., Ps.107; Jonah; Lk.15:11f)

I. WORD: RUTH SEEKS REST IN BOAZ (chp.3)

A. MATCHMAKER (1f; see 1:8,9)

B. REST (1; see 1:9)

C. HUMBLE PETITION (9,1f; see 1Sam.25:41; Lk.5:8; 8:41; 17:16)

D. SPREAD YOUR COVERING (9; see 2:12; see Dt.10:17f; 24:17f; Ps.146:9; Jms.1:27)

E. CLOSE RELATIVE (9(2),12f; see 2:1,3,20; 4:1f; see Lev.25:25f; 27:47f; Num.35:12f)

F. COMMITMENT TO NAOMI (10,11b; see 17; 2:11; 1:16)

G. COMMITMENT TO RUTH (11f; see 18; 4:1f)

II. FAITH: SEEK REST IN CHRIST!

A. SEEK REST IN CHRIST! (1f; see Gen.5:29; Ex.33:14; Dt.12:10; 2Sam.7:11; 1Chr.22:9; Ps.61,62; Mt.11:28f; Heb.4:10; Rev.14:13)

B. ASK CHRIST TO COVER YOU! (9; 2:12; see Mt.11:28f; Rom.4:6,7; 2Cor.5:21)

C. MAKE YOUR HUMBLE PETITION TO CHRIST! (9,1f; 2:11 /Lk.5:8; 8:41; 17:16 /Esther4:11; 5:2; 8:4)

D. CONFIDENTLY ASK YOUR CLOSE RELATIVE, JESUS! (9 (Heb.2:17; Phil.2:5f /Eph.1:4) and 11 (Lk.11:1f,13))

E. CONFIDENTLY WAIT FOR YOUR FAITHFUL RELATIVE, JESUS! (11f,18f; see Lam.3:21f; Ps.42,43; Mt.11:28f; Lk.12:32; Jn.14:1f; Phil.3:20; 1Th.1:10; Tt.2:13)

III. LIFE: GIVE REST IN CHRIST!

A. PERSEVERE IN LOYALTY IN CHRIST! (10; 2:11; 1:16; see Eph.5:22f; 1Tm.5:8,16)

B. BE A MATCHMAKER IN CHRIST! (1f; see Mt.11:28,29; 7:7f; 1Cor.9:22; 10:33)

C. YOU ARE A CLOSE RELATIVE IN CHRIST! (9; see Mt.22:39; Gal.6:10; see Jms.3:7; Rom.3:23; 7:14; Eph.4:25; 5:29; Dt.10:19)

D. SPREAD YOUR COVERING IN CHRIST! (9; 2:12; see Mt.10:8; Eph.4:32; 2Cor.1:4; 1Pt.4:8)

E. COMMIT YOURSELF TO OTHERS IN CHRIST! (9,11f,18f; see Jn.12:20f; Mk.6:34; 10:45; Lk.9:23; 2Cor.4:15; Col.1:24f)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest **interest** to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be **useful**, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What Scripture references were most helpful and why?
4. What are the primary *doctrinal* points of this passage? Do you *believe* these things?
5. What are the primary *practical* points? Do you do *these* things?
6. What was Naomi doing? (1) Is this right? (1; see 1:8,9)
7. What did she want for Ruth? (1; see 1:9) How did she instruct Ruth to seek this? (1f)
8. What did Ruth ask for? (9; 2:12) What gave her courage to ask? (9)
9. What was Ruth's "first kindness"? (10; see 2:11) How was her petition her "last kindness"? (9,10)
10. How does Boaz's response to Ruth remind us of the Lord?
11. How should we be like Ruth? (1f)
 - a. What do we ask for? (9; see 2Cor.5:21; Rom.4:6,7)
 - b. Why should we be courageous in asking? (9)
 - c. What else should be courageous in? (11f,18f)
12. How should we be like Naomi? (1)
13. How should we be like Boaz? (11f)