

APRIL 11, 2021

CAUSE & EFFECT
Ruth 1:1-5

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Ruth occurs during the time of _____.

Drivers of the Story:

1. _____.

2. The _____ are _____.

Themes of Ruth:

Ruth underscores the plight of _____
and _____. Lev 19:33-34; Deut 10:17-19

Ruth exposes the _____ of _____.

Patriarchy is a social system that privileges men over women.

Ruth reveals the _____ of God in
action. Ruth 1:8; 2:20; 3:10

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What thought from the message was most challenging to you?

What are the "drivers of your story" and how have they affected your life today?

How is God calling you to respond to the message?

What questions remain for you about Ruth?

What would you like the group to join you in praying about?

For more on Ruth:

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Ruth occurs during the time of THE JUDGES.

Drivers of the Story:

1. FAMINE.
2. The MEN are WIPED OUT.

Themes of Ruth:

Ruth underscores the plight of IMMIGRANTS and REFUGEES. Lev 19:33-34; Deut 10:17-19

Ruth exposes the EFFECTS of PATRIARCHY.

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