

**Ruth: When God is King**  
**Pt 1 – God in the Darkness**  
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In the Days the Judges Ruled v.1-2

There was no \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel

There was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the land

The land of \_\_\_\_\_ Num 25; Deut 23

Elimelech \_\_\_\_\_ Israel

The Character of Naomi v.3-13

Ruth's \_\_\_\_\_ v.14-18

The beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_ v.19-22

**My Response:**

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**Discussion Questions**

**Weekly Memory Verse:** *“Where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.” Ruth 1:16b*

Read Numbers 25:1-9 and Deuteronomy 23:3-5. How does Israel’s history with Moab color the narrative of Ruth as she is referred to over and over as Ruth the Moabite?

How does Elimelech’s decision to move to Moab seem right and prudent to him? Why is it wrong? What decisions today may seem right and prudent but set our feet on Mt Ebal?

When you look at the responses of both Orpah and Ruth what can you infer about the character of Naomi and her witness for YHWY?

Orpah decides to return to Moab while Ruth continues on with Naomi. How is this a fateful decision for both? What is involved in the decision of each and where do their choices lead?

How do you see the sovereign hand of God working in each of the levels of this story (human story, Israel’s story, God’s story and your story)?

Sometimes in suffering and pain it’s easy to see God as your enemy. How does Naomi’s story help us see otherwise?