

Ruth

Week 2 Reading Schedule: Ruth 1-5 (ESV)

To prepare for group discussion, please do the following four steps

1. Read the scripture passage uniquely to absorb what it says, i.e., slowly, with voice inflection, hand actions, etc.
2. Read again for observation, marking the text.
 - Underline any words that create a **comment** or **question (to study)** in your mind.
 - In the margin space between sentences or on the blank Scripture Journal page or notebook, reference the verse and **write your comment** or **study notes** about the underlined text.
 - Highlight Categories found in the text using the Ruth Color Coding chart.
3. Pray over the things you observed.
 - If, like me, you find it hard to be still, write prayer thoughts about what you relate to in the text, then summarize them into a prayer.
4. Be silent and listen to what the Spirit has to communicate with you.

Below is an example of text marking with provided **comments**, **study questions**, and category highlights as shown on the Ruth color coding chart.

Read Judges 19, 21:25 Who/what were judges

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the
land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the
country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. **2** The name of
the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the
names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were
Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country
of Moab and remained there. **3** But Elimelech, the husband of
Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** These took
Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of
the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, **5** and both
Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her
two sons and her husband.

Annotations:

- Meaning** (above land)
- Meaning** (above Bethlehem)
- Meaning** (above sojourn)
- Meaning** (above Moab)
- Meaning** (above Elimelech)
- Meaning** (above Naomi)
- Meaning** (above Mahlon)
- Meaning** (above Chilion)
- Origin?** (above Ephrathites)
- Using the blank map, draw a route between Bethlehem and Moab** (above Bethlehem)
- Did Elimelech disobey God by leaving Israel?** (above Bethlehem)
- Read Numbers 25:1-2** (above Moabite wives)
- Consider why they stayed so long** (above ten years)
- Imagine life, the responsibility, the weight, as a woman, in this era, forced to be the family Patriarch** (above so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband)

Highlight color for God's Providence (points to famine in the land)

Highlight color to look up parallel versions (points to sojourn)

Highlight color for God's Providence (points to so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband)