NAOMI AND RUTH

Ruth 1:1-22
Key Verse: 1:16

1. Read verses 1-2. What do these verses teach about the family of Elimelech? Why did the family go to Moab? (Historically, why should Israelites have nothing to do with Moabites? (See Dt 23:3; Nu 25:1)

2. Read verses 3-5. How did this family fare in Moab? What was Naomi’s sorrowful situation after 10 years?

3. Read verses 6-13. Why did Naomi decide to return to Bethlehem in Judah? What direction did she give her two widowed daughter-in-laws? What shows her good relationship with and good influence on her daughter-in-laws? Why did she insist that they go home?

4. Read verses 14-18. What did the two girls do? What did Ruth say? What does this show about her faith and her humanity?

5. Read verses 19-22. How was Naomi welcomed? How does she express her sorrow and despair and fatalistic view of life? What was the one bright spot in her life?