

## **Notebook Assignment**

Theology of the book of Ruth

**Due 10/28**

The author of Ruth uses the characters to tell us about God, instead of telling us directly. This notebook will be to determine what the author is teaching us about God through the people found in Ruth.

**1. Read the book of Ruth**

**2. Read vv. 1:6, 20-22, 2:20 and 4:13-14. What attributes of God are mentioned, how is He characterized?**

**3. Read v. 2:3. How is this chance happening viewed in the moment? How is it viewed when we look at the book as a whole (especially in light of the verses for Question 2)?**

**4. How does this affect our view of events that seem to be random?**

**5. An error we can easily fall in to is that since God is powerful, we don't have responsibility or power to change things. Read vv. 2:2 and 3:1-8. In light of Ruth as a whole, how does the author of this book deal with that way of thinking?**

**6. The plot of Ruth moves from famine (of food and offspring) to harvest (of food and offspring), from unnatural emptiness to restoration, from death to life. In the characters and plot lines of Ruth and Naomi, what do you think the author is teaching regarding God and His love?**

**7. Read these verses: Lev. 19:9-10; Deut. 25:5-10; Lev. 25:25-28. These were laws that God established to protect who?**

**8. Read Ps. 146:9, Ps. 68:5, Jam. 1:27. Who are the types of people God is wanting to protect? How has he acted this way to Ruth and Naomi?**

**9. How does Boaz care and love for Ruth? How is this a picture of how Christ cares and loves for His church?**