

Ruth 1:6-18
International Bible Lesson Study Hints
for Discussion and Thinking Further

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the *International Bible Lesson Study Guide*, which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Where did Naomi and her family seek security? After their husbands died, what did she advise Orpah and Ruth to do in order to find security? What did Naomi intend to do to find security?

After fleeing a famine in the land of Judah, they went to Moab, an idolatrous enemy of the land of Judah. She advised them to return to their families and their gods. She would go back to Bethlehem to be cared for as a widow by those who obeyed the Law of God.

2. Where and how do many people seek security today? What can happen to someone if they misplace their security?

Some seek security in money or in electing their party’s people to political office. They can come under the discipline of the LORD or they can suffer from depending on a false security that fails them.

3. Reread Ruth 1:15. In what ways are Naomi's recommendations to Ruth the very opposite of what she should have recommended and what she needed to do?

She should have told her to trust in the LORD rather than tell her to go back to her idols and her idolatrous family to find a husband.

4. Why do you think Ruth knew what to do?

As her daughter-in-law, she had listened to Naomi talk about the LORD and the people of God, and the LORD influenced her to place her faith in the truths she had learned about the LORD and to obey His commands.

5. What part of Ruth's reply to Naomi means the most to you? Why?

Your God is my God and your people are my people. When someone comes to believe the Bible and know and believe in the true God and come to know faithful Christians and want to worship with them and serve Jesus as their Lord and Savior that means a lot to me.

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