

Ruth — Worksheet 1: Answer Key

Ruth's Loyalty — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. What had happened to Naomi's husband and two sons before this chapter begins (Ruth 1:3-5)?

All three had died, leaving Naomi and her two daughters-in-law widowed.

2. What does Naomi urge her daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, to do (Ruth 1:8-13)?

To return to their own mothers' homes and remarry, rather than stay with her.

3. What did Orpah do, and what did Ruth do instead (Ruth 1:14)?

Orpah kissed Naomi goodbye and returned home; Ruth clung to Naomi and refused to leave.

4. What are Ruth's famous words to Naomi (Ruth 1:16-17)?

'Whither thou goest, I will go... thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.'

5. Reflection: What does Ruth's loyalty to Naomi teach us about the kind of commitment the Bible values in relationships?

Open, personal reflection.