

Becoming Women of Faith and Devotion

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Ruth's example of faith and devotion

- **Brave faith in the Lord**

- o Her disadvantage

- o Her decision

- o Her determination

- **Beautiful devotion to others**

- **Bold godly character – virtuous and valiant**

Ruth's lasting legacy

- **Her place in God's plan**

- **Her example to the church**

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Review some of the ways Ruth would have been considered an “outsider” in the mind of many in her day. Read Psalm 146:6-9 and Psalm 68:5-6. What do we know about God's heart for the outsider and the marginalized?
3. Have you ever felt like an “outsider” in church or religious settings? Why? In what ways were you welcomed or unwelcomed into those settings?
4. Read Ruth 1:16-18. What kinds of emotions might Ruth be experiencing as she makes these declarations? Can you relate with any of those emotions in your spiritual journey?
5. Read Ruth 2:11-12. What impressed people about Ruth? What does it look like for someone to develop their inner character over their outer appearance? How does someone do this over time? (Consider 1 Peter 3:3-4)
6. Who are some people God has called you to be devoted to in this season of your life? How are you practicing that devotion? Are there ways in which you need to be more focused in this area?
7. Take some time to read Proverbs 31:10-31. What qualities of the excellent woman do you most admire?
8. What would you say to someone who feels like they could never “live up to the standards of Proverbs 31”?
9. Men – what is a step you can take to encourage your wife or a sister in Christ in her journey to become a woman of faith and devotion?
10. Women – what is a specific step you can take in your journey to become a woman of faith and devotion?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Meditate on Ruth 1:16-18 and Proverbs 31:10-31

Watch this overview of Ruth – <https://bit.ly/ruthoverview>

A good overview of Ruth for kids – <https://bit.ly/ruthoverviewforkids>

Read “A Worthy Wife to Be” – <https://bit.ly/worthywife>

Read “Five things about Ruth that nobody talks about”

– <https://bit.ly/fivethingsaboutruth>

Read “But I'm nothing like the Proverbs 31 woman...” – <https://bit.ly/prov31w>

Listen to “Ruth's Song” – <https://bit.ly/ruthssong>

Listen to “I'm with you” – https://bit.ly/Imwithyou_