

# Introduction to Ruth

## Ruth 1:1-5

We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

**2 Cor. 4:7 (NLT)**

## Why Study Ruth?

- Ruth is God's Word
- Ruth reminds us that we need to see the larger story of God's redeeming grace
- Ruth reminds us that we need a greater appreciation of God's providence
- Ruth helps us remember God's global mercy
- Ruth provides excellent models of genuine godliness
- Ruth is an excellent story to reflect the purpose of Living Hope Bible Church—we exist by the grace of God for the glory of God and the good of people!

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

**Ruth 1:1-5 (ESV)**

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

**Judges 21:25 (ESV)**