

Study of Ruth

Ruth 4:13-22

Reflection Questions

1. Naomi held her grandson and nursed him. What did the women in that town do for Naomi and what does it mean as a community? (verses 14-17)
2. What can Jubilee Church learn as a community from this Bethlehem community? What can we mimic as a model for us?
3. Verses 18 through 21 is the genealogy of king David. It's repeated in gospel of Matthew. Why is lineage so important for Jews and for us? (Answer is in what God had promised Adam and Eve as well as Abraham.)
4. Judah and Tamar were not best examples of Jewish faith. Nor were Rachel and Leah. Jacob was deceived to marry Leah so that he can eventually marry Rachel his beloved. So why did the Bethlehem community mention them? Were they mentioned because they were morally good?
5. Praise God that our lineage is not based on flesh but of the Holy Spirit. We are in Jesus Christ. We boast not in our own Christian ancestry. We boast in Christ alone. Let's lift up a prayer of thanksgiving for the heritage we have in Jesus Christ who is the perfecter of our faith.