

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

STANDING FIRM

APPLY // RUTH

We completed the book of Judges! Take some time to review the book and discuss how it applies to our lives.

1. Talk about the ways the story of Ruth spurs you on towards worshiping the Lord.
2. In the midst of terrible circumstances, it is easy to lose perspective and stop trusting God. Have you ever been in a situation when God felt distant?
3. In what ways can this story strengthen your trust in God in the midst of trial and turmoil? Why?
4. Noting the work of Boaz as a redeemer, how does Jesus as the Redeemer inform what God has done in your life as a believer?
5. The book of Ruth is a wonderful story of God's faithfulness. Where have you seen God faithfully at work in your life in the past? Where do you need to trust his faithfulness now?
6. How does the book of Ruth help us hope and yearn for heaven?

STUDY // RUTH

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Note: Healthy Bible study asks three questions:

- **Observation:** What do I see?
 - **Interpretation:** What does it mean?
 - **Application:** Why does it matter?
1. Read Jude 1:1-4, 20-25.
 - a. In verses 1 and 24, Jude says God keeps us. What does that mean?
 - b. In verse 21, Jude says we need to keep ourselves. What does that mean?
 - c. Explain how Jude is not contradicting himself when he says in verses 1 & 24 that we are kept by God, but in verse 21 says we have to keep ourselves.
 2. In verse 20, what does Jude mean when he says keep yourselves by "building yourselves up in the most holy faith?" How does this help you endure?
 3. What does Jude mean when he says keep yourselves by "praying in the Holy Spirit?" How does this help you endure and stand firm in the faith?
 4. What does Jude mean when he says keep yourselves by "waiting for the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ?" How does this help you endure and stand firm in the faith?
 5. Notice that Jude uses "yourselves," which is plural, and then in verses 22-23, Jude says that we need to help others endure. What does this tell us about the importance of community in helping us stand firm in the faith? How does living in community help you endure and stand firm in the faith? How does loving in community help others endure and stand firm?
 6. What does verse 24-25 tell us about the character of God? How does God's character help us stand firm in the faith?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Identify specific areas of God's grace in each other's lives.