

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from June 20, 2010 “The Rescue of the Royal Line” Ruth 4:13-22**

#### **Observing the text**

What do we learn about the Lord in these verses? How should this impact the way we trust the Lord in everyday life?

How significant is it that Obed was born to Boaz and Ruth in light of verses 17 and 22? Why is this significant?

Ruth was a Moabitess, not an Israelite, yet was instrumental in preserving the royal line of David and ultimately of Jesus Christ. What do we learn about how God uses “nobodies” for great tasks?

What have you learned about God’s sovereign purposes throughout the story of Ruth? How does this strengthen your faith in Him?

#### **Applying the sermon**

The Lord gave Ruth a baby boy (Ruth 4:13). What should our prayers be like in light of passages like this one and James 1:17?

Ruth started off rough, but then it became more apparent later on what God was doing in Ruth’s life. Do God’s ways confuse you at times? How can you learn to trust Him more? See Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33-36; Psalm 56.

One of the great themes of the book of Ruth is the kindness shown one to another. What would Valley Bible look like if everyone always operated in this Philippians 2:3-4 manner? What would look different in your life?