

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY FOR 09/12/12

- 1. SUBSTITUTE THE WORD "ISRAEL" JUDGES 21:25 WITH THE WORD "THE PEOPLE." HOW MIGHT THE WORDS OF JUDGES 21:25 APPLY TO PEOPLE TODAY? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE JESUS AS KING OF OUR LIVES? SEE EPHESIANS 1:20-23.**

2. APPLY THE RICH IMAGERY OF THE LAST PORTION OF RUTH 2:12 TO RUTH. APPLY IT TO YOURSELF AS A FOLLOWER OF THE TRUE GOD.

3. GOD ALWAYS GIVES HIS PEOPLE MORE THAN WE COULD EVER ASK OR IMAGINE (EPHESIANS 3:20). HOW WAS THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR RUTH AND BOAZ? (SEE RUTH 4:9-12; CONSIDER ESPECIALLY VERSE 11).

4. AFTER HANNAH HAD PRAYED TO GOD IN ANGUISH AND GRIEVED OVER HER INABILITY TO HAVE CHILDREN, ELI THE PRIEST SAID TO HER, "GO IN PEACE AND MAY THE GOD OF ISRAEL GRANT YOU WHAT YOU HAVE ASKED OF HIM" (I SAMUEL 1:17). WHY CAN GOD'S PEOPLE ALWAYS "GO IN PEACE" FROM THE HOUSE OF GOD AT THE CONCLUSION OF DIVINE WORSHIP? SEE LUKE 2:29-31 AND JOHN 14:27.

5. HANNAH'S SONG REMINDS US OF THE SONG OF MARY (LUKE 1:46-55). COMMENT ON THE PORTION OF THE SONG RECORDED IN I SAMUEL 2:6-9 AS YOU REFLECT ON YOUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS.

6. "THE LORD WAS WITH SAMUEL AS HE GREW UP, AND HE LET NONE OF HIS WORDS FALL TO THE GROUND" (I SAMUEL 3:19). WHY MIGHT GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY ALSO PRAY THAT THE SAME MIGHT BE SAID OF OUR WORDS? SEE ALSO JAMES 3:3-12.