

STORYBOARD

Discovering Your Story

Week 4



What do you think God wants for you?



The Bible Person who was the subject of the Sermon:
Ruth (Ruth 1:1-9a, 16-18)

The Bible Persons to Consider in this study (*pick one or more as time permits*):

Mary (Jesus' mother), Jonah, Joshua, Sarah, Gideon, Naomi, Elisha (as relates to Elijah), Solomon (he was asked what he wanted the most: wealth, courage, strength, fame, wisdom,...And he picked _____), Joseph (Jesus' father)

Ruth (Book of Ruth)

Ruth was a young widow without a family who became the great grandmother of David and an ancestor to Jesus.

Ruth was a Moabite woman, an outsider. When Ruth's husband died her mother-in-law, Naomi stood by her and she by Naomi. Ruth and Naomi returned to Naomi's homeland (Bethlehem). They were poor, but resourceful. Ruth decided to glean from the fields to feed herself and her mother-in-law. Gleaning was a form of charity during that time where those in need would pick from what was left after the fields were harvested. Ruth went to the field of Boaz where he sees her and falls in love. Naomi devises a plan to get Boaz who is actually her cousin to marry Ruth. Ruth was the great grandmother of king David.

Week 4 Questions

1. What did the Bible Person think God wanted for him/her?

2. Why do you think the Bible Person thought this?

3. Did the Bible Person want to do what s/he thought God wanted him/her to do?
 - a. If not, how did the Bible Person handle it?

 - b. How did it turn out?

4. What do you think God wants for you?
 - a. Consider Romans 8:28 — “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

 - b. Consider Matthew 7:9 — “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him.”

5. How does one even go about asking this, figuring it out?
 - a. How about prayer? How about asking God “I don’t even know how to go about this...please lead me, please teach me, please reveal to me what to ask”?
 - b. What is going on in your life right now?
 - c. What has God brought into your life recently?
 - d. What did you ask for years ago that you have forgotten about?
 - e. What have you not asked for, but nevertheless has been presented to you?
 - f. Is there something or someone challenging you in your life right now?
6. Ask another person (family member, friend, friend from church, Life Group friend, co-worker) what s/he thinks God wants for you.
7. Is what you are asking in line with God’s character, His ways, The Bible?
8. Below are some things to consider:
 - Maybe it’s to help you overcome a bad habit, recurring sin, an addiction
 - Maybe it’s to bring a new relationship in your life
 - Maybe it’s to help you raise your child/children
 - Maybe it’s to help you strengthen your marriage
 - Maybe it’s to bring you closer in relationship to Him
 - Maybe it’s to teach you financial responsibility or provision
 - Maybe it’s continued preparation for something else He has planned for you and your life

9. Consider this question not as “what is the purpose of my life,” but rather, what does God want for your life right now, in the immediate future, this week/month/year/year.
10. For later consideration: After asking yourself and others, what has God revealed to you?

Stay on “the lookout” for a display of God’s character and characteristics this week.

Sunday, Oct 31	
Monday, Nov 1	
Tuesday, Nov 2	
Wednesday, Nov 3	
Thursday, Nov 4	
Friday, Nov 5	
Saturday, Nov 6	

