

## RUTH 1:19-22

1. As we pick up where we left off in Ruth 1, Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth are making the arduous and potentially dangerous journey to Bethlehem. When they arrive in Naomi's hometown, what is the response of the whole town?

What do the women of the town say?

2. The question from the women indicate that they remember Naomi but that she has gone through an observable change. What is Naomi's response?
3. What does her name, Naomi mean? What does she tell them to call her? Why does she tell them to call her that?
4. What specific complaint does Naomi give in verse 21?
5. Talk about how Naomi went away to Moab full, but now comes back empty?
6. How do you think this statement would have made Ruth feel?
7. Instead of hope, what does Naomi see as she looks to the future?
8. How does verse 22 provide a transition of hope?
9. Chapter 1 started with a famine in Bethlehem but it now ends with a barley harvest. Discuss how life sometimes bring about seasons of spiritual famine but at other times there is a harvest of growth and fruitfulness. What are we to keep our eyes focused upon during both seasons?