

CELL NOTES
For Dave Day's talk on 21 October 2007

THE BOOK OF RUTH

The reluctant prodigal (1:1)

Some prodigals are rebellious, some are reluctant

The House of Bread (Bethlehem) was empty

Why do some leave the church?

What do we offer as a house of bread?

Part of a bigger picture

Did God ordain the circumstances, allow them or use them according to the response of people?

Each family story can be a part of a bigger story

Deal with the inside and the outside might change (1:20)

Like the rebellious prodigal, Naomi came to an end of her fighting.

The effect of our choices (1:16)

The selfish or the sacrificial choice

Seize the day, shape the future (3:3)

The violent take the kingdom

Questions

- When you look back at major decisions in your life, do you see evidence of God's guidance before or after the decision?
- Can we ever be sure that we have made the right decision?
- What could you see as the bigger story in your life?
- Have you had experience of God helping you through bitterness?
- If there was one decision you could make today that would be similar to the violent who take the kingdom, what would it be?
- Is your cell a house of bread?