

## April 6 Answers

- 1) Ruth showed true **love** for her mother-in-law Naomi by remaining faithful to her after the death of her husband. She also vowed to stay with Naomi and **worship** God alone. As God's chosen nation, Israel should have set the standard of high moral living for the other nations. Yet it was Ruth, a **Moabite**, who displayed genuine spiritual character in the days when the Israelites left God for other gods. This teaches us that God "desires **all** people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4). Boaz treated Ruth with compassion when she and Naomi needed food, and he happily took her as his wife (see Heb 2:14–15; 1 Pet 1:18–19). God **enabled** her to bear a child who would be the forefather of **David**, Israel's greatest king. In this way Ruth was an ancestor of **Jesus**, the promised Messiah! Ruth was unaware of the role she played in God's plan to save the world, and this teaches us that there may be great things that God will accomplish through us even after we've completed our **earthly** service. If we remain **faithful** to God, our legacy will extend far beyond our lifetime, and the rewards will outweigh any sacrifice God calls on us to make!