



# GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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# RUTH 1-4

“THEN THE WOMEN SAID TO NAOMI, ‘BLESSED BE THE LORD, WHO HAS NOT LEFT YOU THIS DAY WITHOUT A REDEEMER, AND MAY HIS NAME BE RENOWNED IN ISRAEL!’” - RUTH 4:14

## FROM THE TEXT

- THE BOOK OF RUTH OCCURS DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD AS THE BOOK OF JUDGES. JUDGES 21:25 GIVES US A GOOD INDICATION OF THE TIMES, “IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL. EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES.” HOW DOES THE STORY OF RUTH FIT INTO THAT CONTEXT? CONSIDER ELIMILECH’S SONS, MAHLON AND CHILION, COMPARED TO BOAZ.
- RUTH 3 IS THE STORY OF RUTH AND BOAZ AT THE THRESHING FLOOR. WHAT ABOUT THIS STORY WAS RISKY FOR RUTH? HOW DOES BOAZ DEMONSTRATE GOD-HONORING CHARACTER IN HIS RESPONSE AND ACTIONS?
- READ RUTH 4:1-12. DISCUSS THE REDEEMER PROCESS WE SEE IN THIS PASSAGE. HOW DOES BOAZ APPROACH THIS SITUATION WITH THE OTHER REDEEMER? WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THIS CUSTOM WITH A REDEEMER? HOW DOES THIS APPLY TODAY? OR DOES IT?

## FROM THE SERMON

- ON SUNDAY YOU HEARD ABOUT RUTH’S FAITHFULNESS TO NAOMI BOTH IN STAYING WITH NAOMI AFTER HER HUSBAND’S DEATH AND SUPPORTING HER IN BETHLEHEM THROUGH GLEANING THE FIELDS. WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT FAITHFULNESS FROM RUTH?
- ON SUNDAY WE LEARNED THREE THINGS THAT A KINSMAN-REDEEMER HAD TO HAVE IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE ROLE OF A REDEEMER. THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER HAD TO HAVE THE RIGHT, THE RESOURCES, AND THE RESOLVE.
  - DISCUSS HOW BOAZ FULFILLED THESE THREE REQUIREMENTS FOR NAOMI AND RUTH.
  - DISCUSS HOW JESUS FULFILLS THESE THREE REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN HIM.
- HOW DOES RUTH TIE INTO “THE BIG STORY”? READ RUTH 4:17.

## FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- BOTH BOAZ AND RUTH SHOW US EXAMPLES OF HOW TO LIVE GOD GLORIFYING LIVES AS MEN AND WOMEN. WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CAN TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR EXAMPLES AND APPLY IN YOUR LIFE? WHAT DOES THAT APPLICATION LOOK LIKE PRACTICALLY?
- WHAT DO THE RESPONSES OF RUTH AND NAOMI TO BOAZ, THE RESPONSE OF THE “WOMEN” IN RUTH 4:14-15, AND AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO RESPOND TO THE LORD IN ISAIAH 55:7 TEACH US ABOUT HOW WE ARE TO RESPOND TO OUR REDEEMER?
- WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO APPLY THIS WEEK AND HOW CAN WE HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE?

## PRAYER FOCUS

PRAY THAT GOD WOULD WORK IN OUR HEARTS SO THAT WE MIGHT BETTER RESPOND IN FAITH AND COMMITMENT TO HIM. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD TRANSFORM OUR HEARTS TO WALK IN FAITH THROUGH PAIN AND SUFFERING. THANK GOD FOR OUR REDEEMER THAT HAS THE RIGHT, THE RESOURCES, AND THE RESOLVE TO RESTORE AND REDEEM US.