

Redemption

Week 8 – Due Diligence

Transition: In last week's text, Boaz assured Ruth that everything would be okay one way or the other. When Naomi heard the news of Ruth's encounter with Boaz at the threshing floor, she was confident that Boaz would settle the matter quickly.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Boaz does exactly what Naomi predicted. He goes to the city gate to look for the closer kinsman to solve the issue of Ruth's redemption. The closer kinsman agrees to redeem Naomi and her land, but when Ruth is introduced into the equation, he has a change of heart.

Opening Questions:

- Growing up, did your parents ever force you to be kind to a sibling that didn't deserve it? What was that like for you?
- Share of a time when undeserved kindness was shown to you? What did you feel in that moment?

Scripture/Storying: Ruth 4:1-12

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- When is it easy for you to show kindness and why? When is it hard for you to show kindness and why? Think of one person in your life that God is leading you to mimic Christlike kindness to. How can you practically demonstrate kindness to them this week?
- Financial risk deterred the closer kinsman from redeeming Ruth. What potential risks are involved in showing kindness to others? What blessings are involved? Share of a time when you received a blessing from taking the risk to show kindness to another.
- What kindness from others was instrumental in your own redemption? Tell your story and how their kindness impacted your view of Christ.
- As soon as Boaz sat down by the city gate, the closer kinsman came by. Describe a time in your life when a divine appointment was obvious to you. How did this encourage your trust that God was in control?
- Ruth (a Gentile) was blessed with inclusion. What does your inclusion into the family of God mean to you personally? How does your inclusion help you to look differently upon those who are outsiders to the faith?
- Who do you identify with most in the story and why?

Prayer time: - Street Hope, TN

Pray for the residents at Garland Oaks as they begin a new school year. Pray for peace over their minds, confidence in their identity, and the support they need to thrive both academically and emotionally. Ask God to surround them with encouragement, to provide safe and steady routines, and to remind them daily that they are deeply loved.