

The Gospel According to Ruth (4 of 4)
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, February 5th 2023



Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Ruth

Sermon Title: God Redeems His People

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:1-22; Romans 8:28; Titus 2:11-14

Sermon Focus: It's in the last chapter of Ruth that we see how God uses all the righteous acts of his people to further his grand redemptive plan. The story concludes with a powerful reminder that God cares for his people and wants to weave our own faith journey into a cosmic narrative of salvation. In this final message of our 4-part series, Pastor David encourages us to believe that God is redeeming us to be willing participants in his story, to experience his goodness, and to embody the gospel.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read Ruth chapter 4 together. What details do you find interesting about this part of the story? What speaks to you or challenges you in the story?
2. Notice that the unnamed man in this chapter appeared to make a “smart” financial decision by passing on his responsibility to care for his vulnerable relatives. It appears that he was thinking of his reputation, his pocketbook, and the future of his estate. Therefore, he misses out on being used by God to bless Israel and the whole world through the line of the Messiah. We don’t even remember his name! Can you think of other examples (maybe in your own life) of when being faithful to God meant taking a risk by putting others first? Why is it worth the risk to follow the Lord and put others before yourself?
3. Ruth had always been referred to as “the Moabite” up until Ruth 4:13. Also, turns out that Boaz’s mother (Rahab) was a prostitute (Matthew 1:5). What a reminder of how God redeems us and brings us into his family, regardless of our ethnicity, background, lineage, reputation, etc.! How does this speak to you personally? Also, how should this inform our attitude toward others not like us?
4. Here are the key themes from Ruth chapter 4 that Pastor David shared. Take some time to connect these to the story. Where do you see these truths in Ruth? Also, how have you experienced these in your own life? Furthermore, how is God inviting you to learn and grow in the knowledge of these truths?
 - God cares about the details of your life and wants to weave your story into his bigger story.
 - God is looking for those who will yield to his Spirit and be a part of his redemptive plan.
 - God works on our behalf when we align ourselves with his heart and will, but salvation takes time.
 - God blesses those who’ve been humbled by his grace and exalts those who embody the gospel.
5. Read Titus 2:11-14 together. Just as we saw in the book of Ruth, Paul is saying that God is redeeming *us* so that we would be willing and active participants in his story, to experience his goodness, and to embody the gospel. Among other things, this is one of the primary messages in the book of Ruth. How is the Spirit speaking to you about this? How is the Lord inviting you to respond to him?

Once everyone has shared, close in prayer for each other.