



Life Group Discussion Guide
Ruth: Mercy in the Shadows
God's Merciful Plans for our Future – Ruth 4

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Main thought:

Like Ruth, we are all in need of redemption, and like Boaz, Jesus steps in to do what no one else would do, or could do, by sacrificing Himself for our ultimate redemption.

Principles:

Guardian Redeemer

- must be a RELATIVE
- must be FREE
- must be ABLE to pay
- must be WILLING to pay

Jesus

was born to a WOMAN
was perfectly SINLESS
was GOD and MAN
Jesus GAVE His life

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Share what job you dreamed about having as a child growing up.

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Share how God has revealed His mercy to you in this past week. Or where you need His mercy in your life this week.

Sermon Review (suggested time 15 min)

Review the passage from Sunday's message and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage/message?
- What is a Guardian Redeemer? Why does Ruth need a Guardian Redeemer?
- Why does Boaz meet with the other Guardian Redeemer at the town gate? Why does he have the town elders present? What is the risk of this plan? What is the wisdom of this plan?
- What stands out to you regarding Boaz's plan and approach in Ruth 4?
- How is this little love story part of a much bigger love story?



Digging Deeper (suggested time 10 minutes)

Read the Genealogy in Matthew 1

- Who are the women named in the genealogy?
- What is significant about each of these women?
- Why does Matthew include them in the genealogy?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- In this story we see that redemption has a high cost and a high reward.
 - Where and how have you faced the barrier of the 3 C's (Cost, Control, Comfort) keeping you from stepping out to serve and sacrifice for others?
 - How have you experienced the reward that comes from service and sacrifice when you have stepped outside of your comfort zone?
 - What is God calling you to do now? Who is He calling you to step out and serve?
- Jesus is the redeemer who was willing and able to pay for our sins and rescue us from death and give us life.
 - Have you turned to Jesus to be your rescuer and redeemer? If so, share with the group how God has transformed you.
 - If not, what questions do you have? Are you ready to turn to Jesus for forgiveness and redemption in your life now?

Spend time gathering prayer requests, praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 20 minutes)