

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ruth Chapter 4

1. What is something you learned in last weekend's message?
2. How did the message challenge you?
3. Read **Leviticus 25:23-28** and **Deuteronomy 25:5-10**. What insight do these passages give us about the Kinsman-Redeemer in **Ruth 4:1-6**?
4. At the beginning of the message the point was made that redemption requires sacrifice. In what way was Boaz making a sacrifice in being the Kinsman-Redeemer?
5. In **Ruth 4:11-15** we see an example of blessing that comes through redemption. What are the blessings that are revealed in this passage? Comparing this to Christ, what blessings come to us through His redemption?
6. Think of a situation in your life that God redeemed - A broken friendship, a marriage on the verge of failure, a child going through a challenge, a personal failure in your life, etc. How did God bring blessing into your life as a result of it?
7. Compare **Ruth 4:16-22** with **Matthew 1:1-6**. What does this reveal? Why do you think Matthew makes a point to state that Obed's mother was Ruth in **Matthew 1:5**?
8. What does **Ruth 4:16-22** tell us about God, who uses someone like Ruth, to bear a child that would be in the line of the Messiah?
9. The story of Ruth is one of redemption during a very troubled time in Israel's history. A story of two people who emerge faithful to God. How can this story compel you to be faithful to God in a difficult season for Bethany? As Pastor Tim shared, "what are you willing to sacrifice to bring healing to Bethany?"

MY PERSONAL ACTION STEP:

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Take time this week to give thanks to God for His redemption in Christ. Ask God to help you be a blessing to those around you and to live out Christ's redemption to those inside and outside the church. Pray for our elders as they seek God in finding ways to help bring healing and reconciliation to Bethany church. Pray for our pastoral staff as they work to meet the growing responsibilities of our church. Ask God to give you the desire, courage, and strength to be an agent of healing as we move forward in this next season.