



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"A Story of Redemption"

Ruth 4:13-22

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *Ruth 4:1-8*. The first redeemer in the story, Mr. So-and-So, refused to purchase Naomi's land and marry Ruth. Why?
- 2) Read *Ruth 4:9-13*. How does Boaz, the second redeemer, compare to Mr. So-and-So? How does he point to Jesus as our redeemer?
- 3) Read *Ruth 4:13*. What two cultural issues does this verse address (see *Psalms 139:13-16; Hebrews 13:4*)?
- 4) Read *Ruth 4:14-17*. Who was the third redeemer in this story? What was he going to do for Naomi?
- 5) Read *Ruth 1:19-21; 4:14-17*. What difference do you see in Naomi in these passages? What happened to her?
- 6) Read *Ruth 4:18; Genesis 38; Matthew 1:3,5*. What is the difference between Tamar and Ruth? How does this show that God is a God of grace as has these two women listed in the genealogy of Jesus?
- 7) Read *Ruth 4:18-22; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Colossians 1:14; Titus 2:14*. The fourth redeemer, Jesus Christ, is who the book of Ruth is ultimately about. How is Jesus our redeemer? What does this mean for you and me?

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize *Ephesians 1:7*— "*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*"
- 2) Read *Ruth 4:1-13*. Talk with your children about how Boaz was different than the first redeemer. Tell them how Boaz redeemed Ruth and Naomi out of love and not out of obligation, and explain how Jesus does that for His children.
- 3) Read *Ruth 4:14-22; Matthew 1:3, 5*. Talk with your children about how important it was for Boaz and Ruth to have a child. Explain to them how Ruth and Boaz were the great grandparents of King David and then of King Jesus. Make sure they see how Jesus is tied in throughout the whole book of Ruth.