

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ruth 4

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: Share a story where you've recovered something that was lost.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** Where does passage fall within the book of Ruth? What do we know about the main characters leading up to this story?
2. **Context:** Where does this story fall in grand narrative of Scripture?
3. What does it mean to redeem something? What did it mean for the people of Israel and their redemptive history?
4. What was the function of a "redeemer" mentioned on our text? What was the purpose of this institution? (see Deut. 25:5-10)
5. Why do you think the "nearer" redeemer (3:12) refused to redeem Ruth and the land?
6. What is the significance of Boaz' redemption of Ruth, for Ruth & Naomi personally and for what it says about the family of God?
7. How does this story of redemption connect to Jesus' redemption of us? Why does the author of Ruth conclude this narrative with a genealogy?
8. What do Christians mean when we say & sing that we've been redeemed by the blood of Jesus? (Eph. 1:7)
9. How should the truth of our redemption change the way we live? In what ways do we still live like an unredeemed people?