



“Redeeming Ruth” Life Group Questions Ruth 4:1-12

Getting Started

Describe a time in your walk with the Lord when you knew God was calling you to move through a difficult obstacle, one that only you could do and people were depending on you. Men in the group...are you known as a man who gets the job done?

- 1) Read Ruth 3:16-18. Why do you suppose Naomi told Ruth to “Wait”? What was it about Boaz that Naomi seemed to trust or have faith in? Read Ruth 4:1. The NIV starts with the word, “Meanwhile”, indicating that Naomi was right...Boaz was taking action.

- 2) Read Leviticus 25:25. Who is to redeem those who come into poverty? Read Ruth 4:1. Is Boaz the nearest kinsman-redeemer for Naomi? If not, why is he working so hard to become the redeemer for Naomi and Ruth? Many have claimed Ruth is about meeting the requirement of the OT law regarding kinsman-redeeming. Agree or disagree? Why or why not?

- 3) Read Ruth 4:1-7. What were some of the ways Boaz made this deal work? Why did he take the elders with him? After the first kinsman-redeemer agrees to redeem Naomi Boaz speaks to him about Ruth in verse 5. Why does the redeemer lose interest at that point? What is at risk for him...marriage, inheritance? Read Deuteronomy 25:5-10 for some insight.

- 4) Read Ruth 4:8-12. Once the redeemer relinquishes his claim and removes his sandal Boaz moves into action beginning in verse 9. Did Boaz set this redeemer up? Why? What does this say about the difference between meeting the basic minimums of the law verses what Boaz does?