



# Week 14 (04/07/24)

## RUTH & THE REDEEMER

The Book of Ruth serves as a testament to the enduring power of love, faith, and God's providence in the lives of ordinary individuals. Through its timeless message, readers are reminded of the hope and redemption found in trusting God's plan, even in the midst of life's trials and uncertainties.

**Read**      **Ruth 1:1-5**

**Naomi faced significant loss and hardship, yet she ultimately trusted in God's plan for her life.**

**Discuss** - how can we cultivate a similar sense of trust and surrender, especially during times of adversity? Share personal stories or testimonies where you have witnessed God's faithfulness and provision in unexpected ways, similar to how Ruth and Naomi experienced God's care.

**Read**      **Ruth 1:16-17**

**Discuss** - the character of Ruth and her decision to stay with Naomi. What qualities does Ruth demonstrate that we can admire and learn from?

**Ruth's choice to stay with Naomi may seem an afterthought or insignificant, but it was this intentional decision that God would use to one day bring His Son.**

**Read**      **Ruth 1:19-21**

**Discuss** - the importance of community and supportive relationships in times of need. How can we come alongside those who are experiencing loss or hardship, offering practical help and emotional support?

Reflect on the ways in which your LOOP can serve as a source of encouragement, accountability, and love, following the example set by Ruth and Naomi.

Naomi had the wisdom needed to survive in her own country. **God will never call you to something He has not equipped you for.** Sometimes it takes a desperate circumstance for us to figure out how strong we are.

**Read**      **Ruth 3:1-4**

**Discuss** - Considering Naomi's guidance to Ruth regarding Boaz and the process of redemption, share examples of times when you have sought God's direction and discernment in decision-making, and discuss how He has provided clarity and peace.

**Read**      **Ruth 3:11-14**

Now Boaz understands that **according to the law** there is another closer relative who has the responsibility to redeem Mahlon's land and his wife. So **according to the law**, that individual was found and was brought to the city gate and a meeting was held. He was happy to redeem the land until he discovered a wife came along with it. **The law could not redeem her. A kinsman redeemer not only had to be related, but he must also be willing and capable. He was not willing, so he passed the responsibility on to the next in line - Boaz.**

**Discuss** - the character of Boaz as a type of Christ. In what ways does Boaz exemplify the qualities of a redeemer, and how does this parallel the role of Jesus in our lives?

**Ruth would have never met Boaz if Naomi hadn't endured suffering. True brilliance is often a result of pressure.**

**Discuss** - Reflect on opportunities in your own life, or maybe as a collective Loop, to extend kindness and grace to those who may be in need of redemption or reconciliation.

**Close in Prayer**

**Upcoming Events:**      [Click Here for the FSWeekly](#)

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| <b>WorldView Wednesdays</b>    | - | <b>This week on April 10th, Wednesday at 6:30. Dr. Ben Young - Understanding Today's Culture and how we got here.</b> |
| <b>Adult Sunday School</b>     | - | <b>Beginning at 10:30 in the Student Building</b>   |
| <b>Blessing Bag Event</b>      | - | <b>April 26th @ 6:00 pm</b>   |
| <b>Ladies Event</b>            | - | <b>May 3rd @ 6:30</b>   |
| <b>Parent/Child Dedication</b> | - | <b>May 12th During BOTH Services</b>  |