

## Ruth and Esther – Study Questions for February 12, 2023

Ruth 4 draws to a close this amazing and beautiful little book of the Bible. In your small groups you might discuss:

1. What did you think and/or how did you feel about today's reading and teaching?
2. Ruth was not only an outsider but a member of a people who were fierce enemies of Israel. As you consider her story, do you individually, or do we as a people have enemies that we need to try to understand better, rather than just accepting our animosity towards them? Why or why not?
3. How was the ancient Hebrew system for taking care of widows and orphans better or worse than what we have today? Are there clues in the story that lead you to believe that it may have been imperfectly implemented?
4. As you think about redemption, have you ever had an experience of redemption in your own life? What happened and does it give you a better feel for what Jesus did for you on the cross?
5. Can you see the difference between forgiveness, redemption and justification? Does it help you to see Jesus in a different light?