



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on May 7th, 2023

Ruth 4:1-12 (NASB)

4 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, the redeemer of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, "Come over here, friend, sit down here." And he came over and sat down. 2 Then he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. 3 And he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has returned from the land of Moab, has to sell the plot of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech. 4 So I thought that I would inform you, saying, 'Buy it before those who are sitting here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if not, tell me so that I may know; for there is no one except you to redeem it, and I am after you.'" And he said, "I will redeem it." 5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance." 6 Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, otherwise I would jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself; you may have my right of redemption, since I cannot redeem it."

7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange of land to confirm any matter: a man removed his sandal and gave it to another; and this was the way of confirmation in Israel. 8 So the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." And he removed his sandal. 9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. 10 Furthermore, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so that the name of the deceased will not be eliminated from his brothers or from the court of his birth place; you are witnesses today." 11 And all the people who were in the court, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve wealth in Ephrathah and become famous in Bethlehem. 12 Moreover, may your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the descendants whom the Lord will give you by this young woman."

DIGGING DEEPER

What has been the most impactful from this series so far?

Read Ruth 4:1-4

Did Boaz stay true to his promise?

What does this say about a person who immediately does what they promise? Are you like this? Why or why not?

Read Ruth 4:5-8

Why did upright Boaz wait to tell the man about Ruth?

Given the fact that Boaz was willing to redeem Ruth's family, what does this say about Boaz?

Because we don't give sandals to each other, what are some ways that we confirm deals with each other?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Ruth 4:9-12

When have you been a witness for something?

What's the purpose of being a witness?

Why did the elders bless Boaz by referring to Rachel, Leah, and Tamar?

Is there someone in your life that you need to stand up for? How can we encourage you?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

