



Ruth: Our Story - Redemption

What is your favorite aspect of the Gospel?

Memory Verse:

1 John 4:9-10

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Do you feel like the Gospel is a one time event or an everyday thing?

Why do we need the reminder of the gospel?

What does Redemption mean to you?

Why is it so easy for us to get bitter like Naomi?

In what ways can we overcome bitterness?

Read: Romans 8:28

Tell a time that God worked all things together for God in your life.

Discuss this quote "Its ok to question God inquisitively but never accusingly."
What's your thoughts on it?

Read 1 Peter 2:9

Ruth was an outsider, that was ultimately grafted into the family line of Jesus!
Why are we so quick to forget the love that Jesus has for us?

Do we have to measure up? Who do we really have to impress?

Discuss this quote "I don't have to impress God; instead, I have to be impressed with Him!"- Nicolas Emilio Tranchini

Why does being impressed with Christ make all of the difference?

Boaz points to Jesus throughout the book of Ruth.
In what ways do you see that Boaz point to Jesus?

Boaz ultimately shows us the deep love and adoration that Christ has for us! Just as Boaz sacrificed for Ruth and Naomi, Jesus sacrificed much more for you and I!

The Gospel is our reminder of that sacrifice!

Read John 3:16

Read this story:

This young boy built a sailboat and had it all fixed up, tarred and painted. He took it to the lake and pushed it in hoping it would sail. Sure enough a wisp of breeze filled the little sail and it billowed and went rippling along the waves. Suddenly before the little boy knew it, the boat was out of his reach, even though he waded in fast and tried to grab it. As he watched it float away, he hoped maybe the breeze would shift and it would come sailing back to him. Instead he watched it go farther and farther until it was gone. When he went home crying, his mother asked, "What's wrong, didn't it work?" And he said, "It worked too well."

Some time later, the little boy was downtown and walked past a second hand store. There in the window he saw the boat. It was unmistakably his, so he went in and said to the owner, "That's my boat." He walked to the window, picked it up and started to leave with it. The owner of the shop said, "Wait a minute, Sonny. That's my boat. I bought it from someone." The boy said, "No, it's my boat. I made it. See." And he showed him the little scratches and the marks where he hammered and filed. The man said, "I'm sorry, Sonny. If you want it, you have to buy it." The poor little guy didn't have any money, but he worked hard and saved his pennies. Finally, one day he had enough money. He went in and bought the little boat. As he left the store holding the boat close to him, he was heard saying, "You're my boat. You're twice my boat. First you're my boat 'cause I made you and second you're my boat 'cause I bought you!"

If you ever think that you aren't worth much and if you think you're cheap, just remember what God thinks of you. He thinks you're His. Twice His. First you're His because He made you. And second you're His because He bought you on the cross. He paid a price to redeem you.

As you close group today, Spend some time sharing your gratitude for the Gospel and God!
Pray!