



Let's Talk:

Just to get to know each other even more, share something interesting (a fact, a goal or an experience) about yourself, that most of your group members wouldn't already know.

Let's Study:

Read Ruth 1:16-18.

How would you describe Ruth based on her words in these verses? What risks is Ruth the Moabite, willing to accept by refusing to leave her mother-in-law Naomi, the Israelite and travel with her to Bethlehem? How does this choice change Ruth's identity?

Read Ruth 4:13-15.

Boaz became Ruth's kinsman redeemer (meaning to buy back). What do you find most interesting about this law God gave to protect the promised land amongst the Israelites? (If you're unsure about the law, read Leviticus 25:25-28)

Read Ephesians 1:5-7.

Ruth's story is historical. Discuss how it is also a shadow of our own redemption.

Read Isaiah 61:7.

Isaiah is prophesying about the ministry of the Messiah. In this verse, what is exchanged for what?

Read John 13:34-35.

What does Jesus say that qualifies or defines the type of love he is commanding his disciples to have? How would you describe the kind of love Jesus has for people? What example comes to your mind of a time when Jesus demonstrated His love?

Let's Apply:

'Hesed' is the Hebrew term for 'kindness from a loyal love'. Recall a time how hesed has been extended to you by God.

By loving one another we are recognized as Jesus disciples. As you think about your actions and that they reflect God, is there anything you need to confess or invite your group members to pray for you?

How have you recently extended hesed to others?

What can you do this week to extend love to this community? Are there needs amongst you that one another can meet?

Let's Pray:

Ask God to help each one of us as we work to define ourselves. May we include in that definition of our identity, that we are redeemed children of God. Pray for the acts of kindness that we will do this week, may God be revealed in our actions.