

## March 8th Growth Group Questions

### ICEBREAKER:

The story of Ruth is about redemption and loving-kindness. Share where God has redeemed you or showed His loving-kindness towards you.

### Chapter 1

Naomi starts out with death and tragedy. Her husband dies, then her two son's Mahlon (which means "sickly") and Chilion (which means "wasting away") die as well leaving her in a foreign land with her daughter-in-laws.

Ruth 1:19-22 Naomi blames God, "...the LORD has testified against me..."

Have you ever felt like God dealt with you in a harsh way? Did you feel embittered?

### Chapter 2

With Ruth's earnest request, Boaz meets her, not only with obedience to the Levitical law (Leviticus 23:22), but he goes over and above by commanding his servants to treat her with respect and provision.

If you have ever been in a desperate situation, has God expressed His provision or protection for you through the actions of another?

### Chapter 3

Naomi makes plans to redeem her family, Ruth obediently follows her plan with a courageous heart. She practically proposes to Boaz in verses 7-9. In Ruth 3:11, the same word used in Proverbs 31:10 for a woman of "noble character" (or "worthy woman") is given to Ruth by Boaz.

In times of tragedy and disappointment, how can we as God's church (his bride) be known a wife of noble character?

### Chapter 4

Boaz took great care to acquire his bride in this chapter so that he could carry on the name and inheritance of another man! The redemption of Naomi came through his sacrifice.

Have you humbled yourself and stepped aside in your life for the inheritance of the LORD to flourish? God is at work in the very ordinary

and mundane details of our lives. How can we encourage one another to maintain hope in our Redeemer?