

SESSION 5

Bible Study Notes: The Book of Ruth - Chapter 3

"Meeting at the Threshing Floor"

OPENING PRAYER

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word and to help group members apply these truths to their lives.

ICE BREAKER

Share about a time when you had to do something that felt awkward or uncomfortable, but you trusted the person who asked you to do it. What was the outcome?

KEY THEMES FROM THE SERMON

1. **The Kinsman Redeemer** - Jesus as our ultimate Redeemer
2. **Obedience to the Holy Spirit** - Ruth's response: "I will do whatever you say"
3. **The Threshing Floor** - A place of separation, vulnerability, and encounter
4. **Preparation for Encounter** - Washing, anointing, and presenting ourselves to God
5. **Working in the Field God Assigns** - Faithfulness in our current season

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Understanding the Text

1. What are the three requirements for someone to be a kinsman redeemer? How does Jesus fulfill each of these requirements for us?
2. Why was the threshing floor significant as the place where Ruth approached Boaz? What does it symbolize spiritually?
3. What did Ruth's actions (uncovering Boaz's feet and lying down) represent in that culture? How does this relate to our relationship with Christ?

Personal Reflection

4. Ruth said to Naomi (representing the Holy Spirit), "I will do whatever you say." When has God asked you to do something that didn't make sense at the time? How did you respond?
5. The sermon mentioned that "love is a choice" and that we should ask God to give us His heart for difficult people. Who in your life needs you to see them through God's eyes right now?
6. Naomi told Ruth to "wash, put on perfume, and dress in your best clothes" before approaching Boaz. What does it mean for us to spiritually prepare ourselves for an encounter with God?

Application

7. The pastor said, "When the Holy Spirit sends you to a field, don't question why you're in the field. Just work in the field." What "field" has God currently placed you in? Are you working faithfully there, or are you questioning your assignment?
8. The threshing floor is where the valuable grain is separated from the worthless chaff. What "chaff" might God be trying to blow

away in your life right now? Are you resisting or cooperating with this process?

9. Ruth had "nothing to offer" Boaz except herself. How does this challenge our tendency to try to earn God's love or prove our worth?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer** who paid the highest price to redeem us from our most vulnerable state
- **Humility is the posture of encounter** - we come to Jesus with nothing to offer but ourselves
- **The Holy Spirit guides us** into encounters with Jesus, even when we don't fully understand
- **Obedience precedes understanding** - Ruth obeyed before she understood the full picture
- **God brings us out to bring us in** - closer and closer to intimacy with Him
- **Faithfulness in our current assignment** matters, even when we don't see the bigger picture
- **People are watching** - our integrity and character speak louder than our words

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

This Week, I Will:

1. **Practice Humility** - Spend time "at Jesus' feet" in prayer, offering myself without trying to impress or make promises I can't keep
2. **Obey Promptly** - When the Holy Spirit prompts me to do something (call someone, give something away, apologize, etc.), I will respond with "I will do whatever you say"

3. **Work Faithfully** - Instead of complaining about or questioning my current assignment (job, ministry, season of life), I will work diligently where God has placed me
4. **Ask for God's Heart** - Choose one difficult person in my life and daily ask God to show me how He sees them
5. **Prepare for Encounter** - Set aside intentional time to "prepare myself" spiritually through confession, worship, and reading Scripture before coming into God's presence

MEMORY VERSE

Ruth 3:5 - "I will do whatever you say."

CLOSING REFLECTION

Ruth's story reminds us that we come to Jesus with nothing - no credentials, no righteousness of our own, nothing to bargain with. Yet He looks at us and says, "I will do for you all that you ask." Our Kinsman Redeemer doesn't reject us; He covers us, provides for us, and gives us a future and a hope.

Closing Question: What would change in your life if you truly believed that Jesus wants to redeem every broken, vulnerable area of your life?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Thank Jesus for being our Kinsman Redeemer who paid the ultimate price
- Ask for grace to obey the Holy Spirit even when it's uncomfortable
- Pray for faithfulness in the "fields" where God has currently placed us
- Ask God to reveal any "chaff" He wants to remove from our lives

- Pray for humility to come before Jesus with nothing but ourselves

BEFORE NEXT WEEK

- Read Ruth Chapter 4
- Journal about one area where you need to trust God as your Redeemer
- Practice the phrase "I will do whatever you say" when you sense the Holy Spirit's leading
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