

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something you are EAGER to do? Is there a vacation you are looking forward to? Is there a goal you are eager to meet?
2. Hearing the Gospel on a regular basis can make it mundane to us. Is it easy to forget that Jesus is EAGER to redeem us? What distracts you from his great love?
3. If our loved ones were in danger, we would be eager to save them. There would be no hesitation to jump in front a car or take a bullet for the ones we love. Why is it easy to forget that Jesus has this same inclination towards us? Do you ever have a hard time believing God WANTS to be with you? Why?
4. Read Ruth 3:18-4:3. What actions did Boaz take that show he was eager to redeem Ruth?
5. What actions has God taken in your life that show he is eager to redeem you? Can you think of a specific time in which God showed his magnificent love to you? What was that experience like?
6. Read Ruth 4:4. Boaz knows that another man has the right to marry / redeem Ruth first. He brings the matter to the man's attention and for all to see. What does this say about Boaz's character?
7. Jesus lived a life full of perfect integrity. Now we know we can't be as perfect as Jesus, but is it possible to actually live a life of integrity? Why is it hard to have integrity?
8. Read Ruth 4:6. The first potential redeemer refuses the right to claim Ruth because it may 'endanger his own estate'. In other words – he was selfish. What is the difference in 'being selfish' and 'taking care of yourself'?
9. Read Ruth 4:9-12. The passage uses the word 'witnesses' 3 times (NIV). In the ancient near east, it was customary for every major covenant to be ratified in the presence of many witnesses. Why was it so important for witnesses to be there?
10. When Jesus redeems us, he does so in the presence of witnesses. Why do we need other 'witnesses' in our life? (Hint: See Hebrews 12:1). How can we be a witness to others?
11. Sometimes we forget that God is eager to work in our life. What area of your life do you need to believe that God is EAGER to work in?
12. Let's model our life after our savior and have an EAGER heart. What work or activity do you believe God wants you to go about eagerly this week?



Jesus Is Our Eager Redeemer

Ruth 3:18-4:12

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