

Mothers of Jesus



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Mothers of Jesus: Ruth's Story– Matthew 1; Ruth 1-4

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How does the book of Ruth inform the church's attitude to our city's most vulnerable? And what does this have to do with Christmas?

Join us as Pete Greasley continues our Christmas series by opening up the book of Ruth.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Had you heard Rahab's story before? Has your understanding of this story changed through this message?
- From memory, recall Ruth's story. What parallels can you see with the Nativity?
- Rahab (Joshua 2) was Boaz's mother. Imagine a conversation between her, her new daughter-in-law and Naomi. What might they say of God's grace?
- What delighted you most in the gospel account of Ruth? Praise God!