



Christmas Shadows | Week 3 Study Guide

Our Kinsman-Redeemer

Bible Text:

Open Up

How did God redeem your life?

What's your favorite Christmas song? Why so?

Dig In

The concept of a kinsman-redeemer is found in the Law of Moses (see Exodus 25:25 & Deuteronomy 25:5-6). A kinsman-redeemer was a male relative who had the opportunity to act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need. In the case of Naomi and Ruth, they lost their land because of their poverty. Also, because they were widowed with no children, their lineage would end. Boaz was a relative who could serve as a kinsman-redeemer, if he was willing to do it.

Read Ruth 3:1-13

What do you think Ruth laying at Boaz's feet symbolizes? How about Boaz covering her with his blanket?

In v. 9, Ruth said to Boaz, "Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer." What do you think she meant with those words?

Read Ezekiel 16:8-14

God uses the symbolism of covering the people with His "garment." What does this passage say about God's relationship with the nation of Israel? As New Covenant Christians, how does it relate to our relationship with God?

Boaz paid a sum of money to redeem Naomi and Ruth's land. What was the price for God to redeem us? See Ephesians 1:7, Romans 5:9, & 1 John 1:7.

"Threshing floor" is mentioned four times in Ruth 3. I believe a threshing floor is a great metaphor to Naomi and Ruth's life. A threshing floor was a hard, flat surface where they beat the crops with flails and walked over them with oxen. The result would be more grain coming out of the stalks. Taking Naomi and Ruth to the threshing floor would lead to greater kingdom fruit in their lives. And it's the same for us.

Read James 1:1-12

What can we learn about trials in this passage? What's God's ultimate goal for our lives through trials?

Close Out

How is God taking you to the "threshing floor" right now in your life? How are you responding to it?