

Talk it Over: Ruth **February 10 & 11, 2023**

Scriptures

Ruth 2:1-20

Key Thought

We have a guardian redeemer, and his name is Jesus!

Start Thinking

*You don't always attract what you want.
You attract what you are.*

Start Talking

When have you seen this to be true?

Start Sharing

- 1. What are you looking for in your relationships? What are you willing to give to others?*
- 2. Ruth & Boaz were both people of good character which was related to the righteous way they lived. What are you doing to build a life of righteousness?*
- 3. God was a part of Boaz's daily life. How do seek and follow God? How could you follow him more fully tomorrow?*
- 4. The people we keep company with matter! Who are the best influences in your life? What are the characteristics that make them noble and worthy?*
- 5. Boaz made an effort to connect with Ruth. Do you regularly make an effort to connect with others? When is the last time someone made a real effort to know you? How could you initiate knowing someone else on an authentic level?*

- 6. Boaz went above and beyond in his generosity with Ruth. When is the last time someone exceeded your expectations? What happened as a result?*
- 7. Ruth's mother-in-law weighed in confirming Boaz as a "blessed man". Are you open to the opinions of your dearest family and friends? If not, what gets in the way of that?*
- 8. What would it look like to live as if you fully believed that Jesus was your guardian redeemer in all things? How would that change the way you see yourself and others?*

Start Praying

God help us to know you and put you first in all we do. We want to put you first in our relationships. Thank you for sending your Son to fix the broken things in our lives and in our relationships. We are overwhelmed that you want to be our guardian redeemer and that you can redeem any and all things! Today we invite you Lord into the broken parts of our lives and we trust you and thank you for your restoration. In Jesus name, Amen.

Start Doing

What do you need God to redeem in your life right now? How could you begin a conversation with him about that this week? What would you need to tell him that you have been holding back?

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done." (a recipe for prayer written by Paul to the Philippian church, *Philippians 4:6*)*