

The Light of Redeeming Love

Dec. 18, 2022 | Ruth 1-4 | The Light of Redeeming Love | Pastor Mike Foster

Notes on text:

Points to ponder:

God calls and enables you to shine in a dark world / [shine or whine?]

God is writing your story with a bigger purpose in mind / [sweet or bitter?]

Jesus loves you and paid it all to redeem you / [receive or reject?]

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, summarize the story of Ruth.
3. What is significant about the fact that the story of Ruth unfolds in the days of Judges? What are some differences between what we see in Ruth and what we've seen in Judges?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:9-12. In what ways might the Lord want us to stand out from the world today as His people?
5. What godly qualities of Ruth and Boaz stand out to you?
6. Who is someone in your life who reminds you of Ruth? Or of Boaz? What godly qualities do you appreciate about them?
7. Share about a time when something you experienced only made sense "when reading it backward." How did God show his faithfulness?
8. How would you encourage someone who in the middle of their story cannot see or sense God's plan? How would you pray for someone who feels abandoned by God?
9. In what ways has the Lord made you full? How has He been far more generous with you than you could have ever imagined? (Consider Ephesians 1:3, 3:20-21, 2 Peter 1:3)
10. What does it say about God that Ruth, a Moabitess, becomes part of the line of Christ? And what does it mean to you? And how might this change the way you view others?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Meditate on Ruth 1:16-17, Luke 1-2, John 1:1-18, Isaiah 9:1-7, Col. 1:9-17

Pick up a Ruth Scripture Journal in the foyer

Watch this overview of Ruth – <https://bit.ly/ruthoverview>

A good overview of Ruth for kids – <https://bit.ly/ruthoverviewforkids>

Read this intro to Ruth – <https://bit.ly/introtoruth>

Read "The Story of Ruth and the Secret to Rest" - <https://bit.ly/ruthrest>

Read "The Women in Jesus' Genealogy:
An Advent Reflection" - <https://bit.ly/genealogyofjesus>

Listen to "Redeemed" – https://bit.ly/redeemed_

Listen to "Jesus Paid it All/Redemption Song"
- https://bit.ly/jesuspaiditall_redemptionson

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