

### Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

### Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

### Icebreaker

What's one simple, positive change you've made?

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One area where I'd like more freedom:

- When I wear my "skinny jeans"
- Calories, fat, gluten, carbs, caffeine, and all that.
- Choosing which body piercings are right for me.
- Deciding how much I owe the IRS.
- Selecting my outlaws in-laws.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Read Ruth 4:1-10

### What is Redemption?

Redemption in the Bible is about how God's people are bought by God.

Read Leviticus 25:23-55 and  
Deuteronomy 25:5-10

Question: What kinds of redemption can you see in these passages? What is the motivation of these redemptions?

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Question: What kinds of redemption is the happening in the book of Ruth? Why is this important?

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## The False Redeemer

Read Ruth 4:1-2

Question: What is the False Redeemer's name?

- Mr So and So
- Friend
- He is nameless
- Mr Forgettable
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is his name important?

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Read Ruth 4:4-6

Question: Under what terms would Mr. So and So, the false redeemer, accept the terms of redeeming Ruth and Naomi?

- If he could make a profit
- If it didn't cost him anything
- He would take the land but not the women.
- If it didn't mess with his own inheritance
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Just like Mr So and So, there are false redeemers today. They say they will redeem, but they don't. What are some common false redeemers today?

- Comfort
- Status
- Fitness
- Wealth
- Watching "This Is Us" without commercials
- Performance
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you looked to any false redeemers to save you? How did it work out for you?

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## The True Redeemer

Read Ruth 4:9-10

Question: Will it cost Boaz the same as Mr So and So to redeem Ruth?

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For Discussion:

What is wrong with this statement:

*Boaz is a sacrificial person. He has wealth and influence. He loves poor people and is willing to share. He is good and we should be good as well. We should love poor people and look to share.*

For Discussion:

Look over the story of Ruth. How is Boaz like Jesus? How does Boaz show us how Jesus redeems us?

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How can we help one another seek the right Redeemer?

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## Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:

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