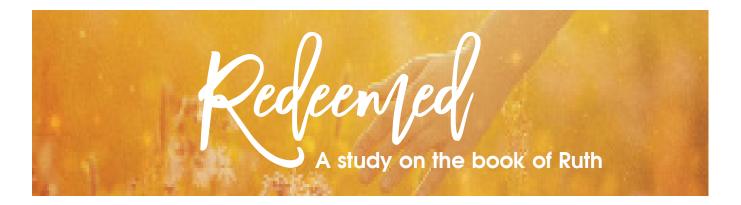
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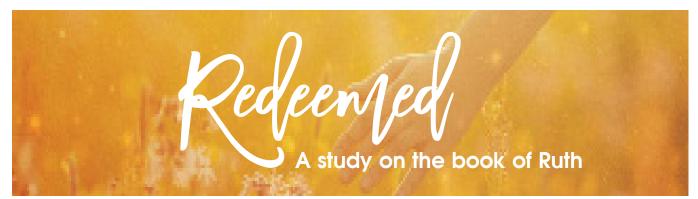


Life and loss. Bitterness and loyalty. Romance, awkward moments, stepping out in faith and redemption. If those elements make a good story to you, then you are blessed because those all make up the narrative story of the book of Ruth.

The journey through Ruth takes us from living life and losing loved ones; through hard times and finding redemption. Within this short narrative we also find the amazing backdrop of God's great love and desire to redeem his people as a parallel to Ruth's story. We even see how Ruth, the unlikeliest of centerpieces, finds her place in a lineage that leads straight to Jesus.

The book of Ruth will enrich you, encourage you, teach and equip you but it most definitely will point you towards God's mission to bring His people to a place where they are redeemed.

Pastor Josh



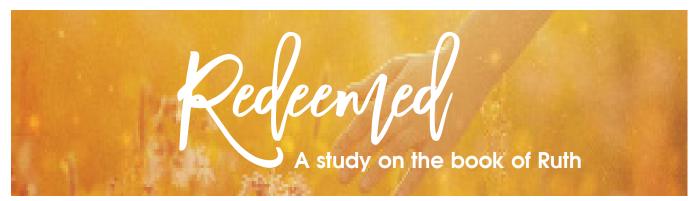
Ruth 1:1-22 Stepping Out in Faith Themes: Loyalty, Faith, Love, Bitterness

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who do you relate to in this first chapter? Ruth? Naomi? Orpah? Why?

2. Why is Ruth's pledge to Naomi so significant?

3. What are some ways we can step out in faith like Ruth?



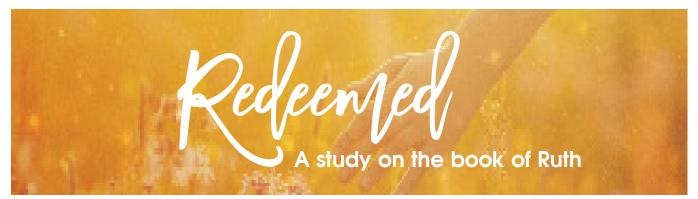
Ruth 2:1-23 Kindness Matters Themes: Kindness, Trust

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who shows kindness in chapter 2? What make this significant?

2. Why is kindness so important to believers?

3. Like Ruth's devotion to Naomi, how are we to show devotion to God? What about devotion to others?

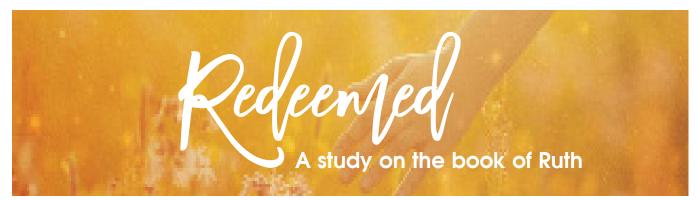


Ruth 3:1-18 Redeemer Theme: Redemption

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS 1. What qualities do we see in Boaz?

2. What can we take away from the symbolism that God intended in Boaz and Ruth? How should that impact us?

3. What is special about the threshing floor? How does God utilize that same method in our lives?



Ruth 4:1-22 Gift of the King Themes: Redemption, Faithfulness, Hope

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Ruth's devotion and faithfulness pay off? What can this teach us?

2. Similar to Ruth, we have "suitors" vying for our attention. What distractions in this world keep us from the bridegroom? What are ways we can avoid such things and focus more on Him?

3. Naomi was "redeemed" through Ruth. How important is it to have a Ruth in your life? Are you being a Ruth to someone else?