

# Ruth | Week 6 | February 14-20

**Scripture:** Ruth 4:13-22

## **Scripture Questions:**

1. Ruth is mentioned in vs. 13 but is not mentioned again. The women in the neighborhood speak only to Naomi. What might be some possible meanings around this?
2. The word “redeemer” in vs. 14 references or points to whom? Who is the redeemer?
3. Why do the women regard Ruth as “better than seven sons?”
4. The women say, “a son has been born to Naomi” when clearly Ruth bore him. What does this mean?
5. This child named Obed is related to what renowned king? And those coming after Obed ultimately point to who, in the NT, that comes after him?
6. Throughout the book of Ruth, what have been the main take-aways?

## **Sermon Discussion Questions:**

1. The beginning of this last section of Ruth begins with a joyous occasion, the marriage of Ruth and Boaz, and even a baby! The women and Naomi celebrate what God has done in these things. Take some time to reflect and look back on your life; how has God shown his steadfastness (hesed) to you?
2. With that steadfastness in mind, when is the last time you celebrated with joy God’s showing up in your life, and his unwavering love and care for you? What did that celebration look like?
3. In verse 15, a woman says to Naomi, “your daughter in law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons...” What do you think that means? Do you have a relationship with another disciple of Jesus that you might assign that sort of deep value to? Who is that for you? And if you don’t have that, what steps might you be able to take to enter into that sort of community with another person?
4. We began the series on Ruth by looking at the tragedy that Naomi faced, and we wondered together, “is tragedy all there is for Naomi and in this story?” Verse 18-22 reminds us that the answer is a resounding “no,” and that there is much hope! What

stirs in you as you think about God using these ordinary people's lives, and tragedies, as part of the story and genealogy that points directly to Jesus Christ?

5. Read Matthew's genealogy in Matthew 1:1-17. Notice Boaz and Ruth. After walking through the book of Ruth, and seeing the story that these ordinary people were a part of, what story are you a part of?

### **Giving & Receiving Kindness:**

***Once a day this week comment on someone's emotions.*** Even if you're not always able to read other people's moods and feelings, chances are you have noticed occasions when your coworkers, friends, and family members seem more happy, sad, relaxed, or frustrated than usual. ***By commenting on these observations, you can make a person feel seen.*** Sharing your observations gives them a chance to feel heard, too. A short exchange like this can deepen relational connections.

Take some time to ponder what it means for you that Jesus Christ is your Redeemer. In what ways has Jesus shown great ***hesed*** to you and on your behalf. On this Valentine's Day, receive fully the weight and depth of Christ's love for you and write Him a letter or prayer of gratitude.