



Redeemer

Ruth 3

To get the most out of this guide, prepare **BEFORE** your growth group, then be ready to discuss **DURING** the group. This will help you and others to engage and respond to God's Word.

► Starter

1. How do families demonstrate love and care for each other?

The customs in Ruth 3-4 are foreign and strange to us. Let's begin by looking back at the provisions in the Old Testament Law for those who are in need.

► Pray & read Leviticus 25:25-28 and Deuteronomy 25:5-10

2. How does the Law provide for those in need through families?

In short, the "goel" (Lev 25) is a relative/kinsman who acts to redeem property or people in situations of family need. The "levir" (Deut 25) is a brother-in-law who marries a widow to 'maintain the name of the dead' (Ruth 4:5). In Ruth, these two ideas are linked together.

► Read Ruth 3:1-18

3. Summarise Naomi's plan. What is her goal?
4. Is Naomi's plan deceptive and dishonest? Why/why not?

5. What do we learn about the character of:

a) Ruth?

b) Boaz?

6. How does this account reflect God's work to redeem Israel? (See Ezek 16:8)

7. How does this account reflect God's work to redeem us? (See Luke 1:68-75)

8. Is God your redeemer? If not, why not? If so, what are the implications for your life?

► **Possible prayer points**

- Praise God for being a loving and generous redeemer through Jesus.
- Thank God for being a God under whose wings we can take refuge. Thank him for specific ways in which you have experienced his love and protection.
- Ask God for wisdom in making decisions and plans in your day-to-day life, and ask God to work in you by his Holy Spirit so that you will trust him in every situation.