



Redemption

Ruth 4

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.

▶ Starters

1. What things are costly in life?
2. Draw a diagram of the key movements in the story of Ruth so far.

As we saw last week, 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 4:1-12

3. How does Boaz orchestrate the redemption of Naomi/Ruth? (vv. 1-10)
4. Why does the other redeemer give way to Boaz? (v. 6) What might be the underlying issue?
5. In what ways is the redemption of Ruth costly for Boaz?

▶ **Read Ruth 4:13-22**

6. How have the prayers of Naomi and Boaz been answered? (See 1:9 and 2:12)

7. How were the prayers of the elders and the people answered through the offspring of Ruth and Boaz? (4:11-12)

8. How does God redeem us? (See also Rom 3:21-26, 1 Peter 1:18-19)

9. What does God's costly redemption mean for you? (See also Rom 5:8-9, 8:31-32, Eph 1:7)

▶ **Possible prayer points**

- Praise God for his love seen in the costly redemption of us through the Cross of Christ. Thank God for salvation, forgiveness and grace.
- Praise God the ways in which he works to achieve his purposes to bring blessing to his people. Although at times we may think his ways strange and unusual, thank God that everything happens according to his great plan and within his control.
- Ask God for strength and wisdom to live your life in response to your redemption through Jesus. Ask God to help you serve and glorify him as you await the return of our great Redeemer, Jesus.