

GRACE GROUP GUIDE FALL WEEK #6

October 12, 2025 | Ruth 4:1-12

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1-MIN OVERVIEW

Ruth 4:1-12 recounts the redemption of Ruth through her late husband's relative, Boaz. Boaz convenes a court of elders and another relative who has the first rights to redeem. Boaz steers the proceedings to the end of him being the one to marry Ruth, discouraging the other redeemer. Through his tenacity, Ruth's fortunes change from being outside of God's family and promises to becoming part of God's people.



WARM UP

- 1. In our Scripture today, Ruth waits with Naomi while Boaz works to secure their future. Are you someone who does well waiting and trusting others to help you, or do you prefer to take action? When was a time you were supposed to wait but didn't?*
- 2. As the series comes near to the end, what part of Ruth's journey has resonated with you the most? Did you connect most with her origins, decision, provision, protection, or proposal?*



KNOW IT

Read Ruth 4:1-2. Spend time with your group setting up the context for Ruth 4:1-12 and how we got to this part of the story. If possible, have someone research the custom of redemption in ancient Israel and why it mattered.

- 1. In chapter 3, Boaz made a commitment to settle the matter of Ruth's future, and Naomi says he won't rest until he does it that day. What was the urgency for Boaz to redeem Ruth? Why didn't he let her know he'd get around to it once the harvest was done and his schedule opened up?*
- 2. Boaz sits at the town gate, where legal matters were decided, and calls the other family redeemer to sit down. He gathers 10 elders to begin a court proceeding for the future of Naomi's land and Ruth. Why do you think Boaz goes through all this to settle the matter? Why is this what's best for Ruth?*



SHARE IT

1. Read Ruth 4:3-8. Boaz notifies the other redeemer (who remains nameless) that Naomi's land is being sold and he has the right to redeem it. He agrees until he learns that on the day he does, he will have to marry "Ruth the Moabitess" the "wife of the deceased man" to "perpetuate the man's name on the property". Why does this change the man's decision? Why does the nameless redeemer run from the very things Boaz is deeply drawn to? Why do you think God is drawn to similar things in us?
2. After Boaz's maneuvering, he gets what he wants and what Ruth and Naomi need. How are Boaz's actions more than just self-serving? What did Boaz lose in the process (financial, reputation, inheritance, etc.) but what did others gain? If Boaz points us to Jesus, how did Jesus lose to win? How are we called to sacrifice to see God's redemption in others?



LIVE IT

1. Read Ruth 4:9-12. Boaz proclaims the outcome of the proceedings and calls everyone to be a witness that the right of redemption is his. What is the power of having witnesses in important matters? If Boaz foreshadows a greater redeemer in Christ, who were Jesus' witnesses? How can we be witnesses as well?
2. The crowd and elders affirm they are witnesses and then do something unexpected. They bless Boaz with power and Ruth with favor and offspring like Leah, Rachel, and Tamar. What is the significance of this blessing? If in our redemption we received "every spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3 CSB), how does that change how we live each day? What can God's blessings through Jesus do in your life?