

**LifeGroup Shepherd Guide****May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Ruth 4 – Don't Miss the God Story!**

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

**Quick Review**

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

**Introduction**

Share a time in your life when you struggled to see God's purpose or plan during a difficult circumstance. How have you been able to see God's plan and faithfulness now looking back at the situation?

**Digging In**

**Question 1: Read Ruth 4:1-22.** How does this story of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz help you understand how God relates to us? Whether it be Ruth and Naomi experiencing incredible loss, going through seasons of having very little, needing protection or provision. In what ways do you see God relating to you in this story?

**Question 2: Read Ruth 4:13-15.** How did God redeem Ruth's past (v. 13)? What about Ruth makes her a stunning recipient of God's grace? How did God redeem Naomi's pain? Compare Naomi's response to the birth of Obed in verses 14-15 with her response to the death of her husband and sons (Ruth 1:15,20-21).

**Question 3: Ruth 4:18-22.** We see God's faithfulness through his promises and how God will rule through the line of Ruth. We ultimately see that the line of Ruth connects back to the bloodline of King David and Jesus! Consider how God used Ruth and Naomi's difficult circumstances to bring about His purposed of bringing Christ into the world! Who do you know that needs to be reminded that God is in control and has a purpose for their lives? How might you encourage them to trust Christ amid their difficulties this week? How does it give YOU the proper perspective of the way God uses ALL ways to bring about His purposes and glory?

**Praise / Prayer Requests**

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

**Adoration** – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

**Confession** – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving** – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

**Supplication** – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?