

Series: Ruth

Message: True & Better Boaz

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Read Ruth 3:1-18

- What questions does this chapter raise for you?



Read Leviticus 25:25-28 & Numbers 27:8-11

- Prior to Leviticus 25, the work of a redeemer (ga'al) is only associated with God. We find the term go'el being used by Jacob to speak of being "redeemed" from evil (Gen. 48:16), God promised to "redeem" His people Israel from bondage in Egypt (Exodus 6:6), and Moses sang of when God loved the people whom he "redeemed" (Exodus 15:13). What does this character trait say about God and man?



- God is considered a "ga'al" when He redeems:
 - Individuals from death
 - Israel from bondage
 - Israel from exile

As Christians we are redeemed from eternal death through Christ.

Share about a time when you felt redeemed from spiritual bondage or exile.

- Boaz knew and understood the Scriptures and how they provide direction for living (see Numbers 27:8-11 and Ruth 3:12). For this reason, he stands out as a model we can emulate. How well do you know Scripture? Does Scripture shape and speak into decisions that you make? Share an example of a time when Scripture helped inform a decision.
- Boaz is a relative of Naomi's deceased husband, Elimelech (Ruth 2:1). For this reason, Naomi calls Boaz "one of our redeemers" (Ruth 2:20). What does it mean for a person to be a kinsman-redeemer?
- Boaz can be seen as a 'type' of Christ through the lens of a kinsman-redeemer. Jay mentioned that there were three qualifications. Review the chart on the next page and discuss.
 1. You need to be a near relative
 2. You need to be wealthy enough to pay the cost of redemption
 3. You need to be willing

Boaz	Christ
Related to Naomi & Ruth (Ruth 2:1)	Related to humanity through the incarnation (Rom 8:3; Heb 2:17)
Capable of redeeming Ruth (Ruth 2:20; 3:12)	Capable of redeeming (1 Cor 10:26; 2 Cor 8:9)
Voluntary (Ruth 3:11; 4:6)	Voluntary (John 10:17-18)

Read Ephesians 2:11-13

- If Boaz is a ‘type’ of Christ then Ruth is a ‘type’ or symbol of humanity that is not in a relationship with Him. With this in mind, how does the story of Ruth relate to Christianity in the present day?
- How does the idea of a kinsman-redeemer help you better understand Jesus' redemption of us?
- Ruth’s narrative is meant to remind us of God’s heart to save. How does your personal experience of coming to know Jesus resonate with Ruth’s story?
- When we consider the role of Naomi, she is providing instruction and direction to Ruth. Who are you pursuing for God? Who is helping you better “practice His ways”?

