

FUSION Q's... Ruth 3 – Redemption

Discussion Questions

Q1. What stood out to you in the talk/story of Ruth tonight?

Q2. After hearing the whole story, what do you think Boaz's motivation was to do the things he did?

Read Ephesians 2:11-22

Q3. In your own words, explain how the story of Ruth is related to the story of Jesus. How are they similar? How are they different?

Q4. Why do you think people need to be "redeemed"? Go through each part of the following definition of "redeem" and discuss how it is related to our salvation.

Redeem literally means...

1. "to buy back" or "to repurchase"... what do people need to be "bought back" from?
2. "to free from captivity by payment of ransom"... what are people being held captive by? What was the ransom payment?
3. "to release from debt"... what debt did we have and how is someone released from it?

Q5. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is your "kinsmen redeemer" – that he purchased you to save you from a life without hope or a future just like Boaz did for Ruth and Naomi?

Q6. Has the story of Ruth helped you to live differently than before? Explain.

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NLT)

¹¹ Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. ¹² In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. ¹⁸ Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

¹⁹ So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰ Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²² Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.