



June/July 2021 - Life Group Questions

We are studying great examples of God's sovereignty over circumstances, His provision for His people, and the power of his enduring covenant with his people. The book of Ruth lays the foundation of the lineage of King David and through him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Ruth is a classic love story that focuses on characters Naomi, Ruth and Boaz. Key themes of the book are repentance, as Naomi returned to the Promised Land; kindness, particularly to those who are in need and know it; redemption, paying a price to redeem what has been or could be lost; and commitment, doing God's will despite the cost.

Below are the verses in Ruth that will be taught during our Sunday services, along with the corresponding chapter and questions from the Wiersbe commentary ([Be Committed: Doing God's Will Whatever the Cost](#)) to use in your group each week.

JUNE 6th

Ruth 3:6-10 - *Be Committed* pgs. 52-53

1. It takes an immense amount of trust in someone to trust to the point of following their commands the way Ruth did with Naomi.
 - a. What qualities would someone have to possess for you to trust them to this degree?
 - b. Share a time when you trusted someone and followed them. How did it work out and why? Were they the right person to trust and follow?
 - c. What are ways we are called to trust and follow God that humans often find difficult? Do you have any examples of when you have trusted or not trusted? How did it go?
2. By going to Boaz at night, without warning, and alone, Ruth took a risk by making herself vulnerable. This is often the opposite of how we like to function. We don't like taking risks, particularly when they require putting ourselves in a position of vulnerability or weakness. What is the benefit of doing this? How can it stretch us and grow our faith?
3. Ruth says to Boaz in vs. 9, "I am Ruth, your servant". This is the response we all desire to have with the Lord, but all too often we struggle with being the servant.
 - a. Can you think of a person in your world that does this well?
 - b. What is an area that you struggle to be the servant before the Lord, doing as He commands?

JUNE 13th

This weekend, we have a guest speaker, Mickey Aquilino from Parkside Church in Ohio. We encourage your group to take this opportunity for a fellowship meal, prayer time, or some other activity as the Lord leads.

JUNE 20th

Ruth 3:11-18 - *Be Committed* pgs. 53-58

1. Where do you see Boaz giving Ruth reassurance in vs. 11-18? Can you think of ways that you have received similar reassurance from the Lord? How does His reassurance encourage you and give you strength?
2. In vs. 18, Naomi tells Ruth to "Wait, my daughter". Patience is an important part of our journey with God, but can be really challenging. Wiersbe mentions the difficulty of waiting on pgs. 56-57 and gives us three passages that encourage him in these times, "Sit still or wait" in Ruth 3:18, "Stand still" in Ex 14:13, and "Be still" in Psalm 46:10.
 - a. Read each passage as a group, and share, which one gives you the most comfort and why?
 - b. Psalm 46:10 is a popular passage for a reason, it's a reminder that we can trust God. Where in your world are you struggling to trust Him?

3. On pg. 54 of Wiersbe, he says, "If we could only realize in even a small way the great love our Kinsman-Redeemer has for us, we would forsake everything else and enjoy His Fellowship."
 - a. What do you think keeps us from realizing this love?
 - b. How do you think you would live differently if you did, or how do you think His love causes you to live differently?

JUNE 27th

Ruth 4:1-6 - Be Committed pgs. 61-65

1. Chapter 4 of Ruth gives us a great picture of redemption. Wiersbe says redemption means "to set free by paying a price".
 - a. How did Ruth and Naomi need this?
 - b. Look up Eph. 2:1-3 and John 8:33-34. How are we in need of redemption?
 - c. Sometimes we have difficulty admitting that we need redemption. What are areas that you tend to brush off sin and how can you start to acknowledge your need in these areas more?
2. Wiersbe talks of the deliverance we experience when we find freedom in Christ rather than continue enslaved to, "food, sex, drugs, alcohol, gambling, work and dozens of other 'masters'." Have you experienced this freedom Christ offers? How does your life look different?
3. How is Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer, a picture of Christ?
4. How does reading about Boaz and the role he plays with Ruth and Naomi give you encouragement in your faith and what Christ has done for you?

JULY 4th

Ruth 4:7-12 - Be Committed pgs. 65-66

1. What are some similarities between Ruth, the bride of Boaz, and the church, the bride of Christ? (see Wiersbe pg. 65-66)
2. We see a theme of witness in this small section. In verse 8, Boaz tells those around "You are witnesses" of all that he has done to care for Naomi and Ruth, and in vs. 11, the people around claim, "we are witnesses". They are the ones that share the story of all that Boaz has done, and in turn we share the story of all that Christ has done.
 - a. What has Christ done for you? If someone asked you what the Gospel is, how would you explain it?
 - b. What is your personal experience of Christ's saving grace? What did He save you from personally? How would you talk with someone about why you believe?
3. We are witnesses of God's goodness every day, and there is something deeply important about taking notice of His work and thanking him. Phil. 4:4 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." Ruth reminds us of God's goodness. Where are you currently seeing God's goodness around you? What can you rejoice in today?

JULY 11th

Ruth 4:13-22 - Be Committed pgs. 66-73

1. How did God use Ruth and Boaz's baby, Obed, to be a source of blessing to many?
2. On pgs. 68-69, Wiersbe claims that the greatest thing God did for King David was not his wealth and power, but rather the privilege of being an ancestor of the Messiah. We would probably all agree with this, and yet too often we yearn for the former instead of the latter. What are ways that you get caught in yearning for things on earth? How can you redirect your focus?
3. How does God's treatment of Ruth show God's grace and power? How do you see evidence of this in your own life?
4. Ruth left behind an eternal legacy. What legacy would you like to leave for your family?
5. What has the book of Ruth taught you about deepening your relationship with the Lord?