

SERMON GUIDE

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Ruth 4 | Pastor Tim Prince

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 1:3 (Gospel)
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

Getting to know me: Have you ever received a possession of someone who has passed away? What was it? Did you want it? Does it have any meaning for you?

Note about the passage:

The Israelites (Boaz and Naomi) had a law that said a widow of an Israeli man (Ruth) would become married to any relative who had the right to buy the man's possessions after his death (called a redeemer). The first of any of the offspring of the marriage would continue the line (and wealth) of the deceased man.

Read Ruth 4:1-10, 13-17

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What do you notice about this text? What do you find interesting? What do you wonder? What questions do you have about the people, the events, or God?
- O** How would redeeming Elimelech's property (and widow) "impair [his own] inheritance" (v. 6) Why would the man change his mind and say 'no' to being the redeemer?
- O** Does it cost God anything to be one who redeems?
- O** Why did the women celebrate with Naomi and praise God? What do you think was so wonderful about the situation with Ruth and Boaz? (v. 13 -17)
- A** What relationships and circumstances have you been given that are worth celebrating? Who gave them to you?
- A** What (undeserving) person in your life could you provide for at a cost to yourself? What would it look like?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.

Bonus Read all 4 chapters of Ruth and consider these questions: What is Boaz like? Did it cost Boaz anything to be the redeemer? In your relationship with God, do you see him more like Boaz or more like the first redeemer (who said no)?