

Redeemer- 3/17 Discussion Questions

Ruth 1-4

Review

A Drama in Four Acts

ACT 1 - Chaos (1:1-5)

ACT 2 - Bitterness (1:6-22)

ACT 3 - Favor (2:1-3:18)

ACT 4 - Family (4:1-21)

The Redeemer Transforms Our:

1. Chaos (1:1) into Peace (4:21-22; Eph. 2:14)
2. Rebellion (1:2) into Righteousness (3:10; Eph. 2:11,16)
3. Poverty (1:1) into Plenty (2:14; John 6:35)
4. Death (1:5) into Life (4:14-15,17; Eph. 2:1-2,5)
5. Resentment (1:13) into Rejoicing (4:16; James 1:2-3)
6. Foreignness (2:6) into Family (4:10; Eph. 2:19)
7. Shame (1:21) into Glory (4:17; Eph. 2:20-21)

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." Ephesians 2:19-20

Connect

1. When have you felt really out of place? Have you ever studied or lived outside of the US for a while? Was there another time you felt like a stranger in a foreign land?

Read Ruth 1:1-18

Discuss

2. What were the days of the Judges like? Why did Naomi and her family move to Moab? What happened to her?
3. Why did Ruth stay with Naomi? What do you think led her to that decision? What made it such a big deal?
4. Summarize the rest of the story of Ruth. What makes this a compelling drama?
5. What are the key verses and lessons you take away from Ruth?

Apply

- Read Ephesians 2:11-22. How were all of us like Ruth in relation to God and His people? How is Jesus the Ultimate Redeemer?
- How is God working in your life right now to redeem your suffering and make you more like Jesus?

Pray

- How can we pray for you this week?