

Water of Life Community Church

RUTH

BOUND TO DESTINY

WEEK 6

RUTH 4:13-22

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi's lives did not always go the way that they had hoped. However, through their story we see that God was constantly at work, bringing about His plan of redemption for them and for the entire world. As we conclude our time in the book of Ruth, we will not only see how God redeemed Ruth and Naomi's situations, but how God chose them to play a key role in His ultimate plan of redemption in Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ RUTH 4:13-15.

- a. How did God redeem Ruth's past (v. 13)? What about Ruth makes her a surprising recipient of God's grace?
- b. How is Ruth's faithfulness celebrated? What is the point of this unusual birth announcement?
- c. How did God redeem Naomi's pain? Compare the women and Naomi's responses to the birth of Obed in verses 14-17 with Naomi's response to the death of her husband and sons (Ruth 1:15, 20-21).
- d. Read Psalm 127:3-5. Why was the birth of Obed such a precious gift? How did his birth demonstrate God's grace?

2. READ RUTH 4:16-22.

- a. Why do you think the story of Ruth concludes with a genealogy of David?
- b. Read Matthew 1:5. Ruth was one of only five women Matthew named in Jesus' genealogy. Why is this significant?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Where have you seen God faithfully at work in your life in the past? How is your story like Ruth's story of destiny?
- Where do you need to trust God's faithfulness now?
- Faithfulness might not come with ease, but it does come with promises. What are some practical ways to remember God's promises when persevering in faith is difficult?
- Who do you know that needs to be reminded that God is in control and has a purpose for their lives? How might you encourage them to trust Christ in the midst of their difficulties this week?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Choices are everything. Reflect on a time in your life where you made the right choice that turned out to be a blessing!

RESPOND

- Take one practical step this week towards making your family or your home one that worships.

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MEMORY VERSE

Ruth 4:14, New Living Translation (NLT)

Then the women of the town said to Naomi, "Praise the Lord, who has now provided a redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel."

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