

Water of Life Community Church
RUTH
PAYING THE PRICE TO DO RIGHT
WEEK 5
RUTH 3:16-4:12

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Ruth has a happy ending, but that ending is imperiled along the way. We worry about Ruth and Naomi having enough to eat. Ruth is warned not to go into any field but Boaz's, lest something bad happen to her. At the end, it looks like another man may marry Ruth instead of the hero Boaz. There were times when everyone involved had to pay a price. Through all the difficulties, Ruth finds the strength to wait on the Lord in perseverance, and God used her life in a surprising and beautiful way.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ RUTH 3:16-4:10.

- a. What business matter did Boaz settle at the city gate? Why do you think he was interested in taking care of this matter so quickly (3:18)?
- b. How do you think Ruth was feeling at the end of chapter 3? Naomi?
- c. When have you had to wait on the Lord's provision? What did you learn through that situation?
- d. How did Boaz's generous responsibility ensure security for both Naomi and Ruth? Why was this beneficial for their entire community?
- e. What happened in chapter 4 that could have tempted Ruth to despair or give up?
- f. We don't get to read how Ruth was feeling in verses 1-8. What emotions do you think she might have been experiencing?
- g. How is learning to have faith for the impossible part of our maturity process with God?

2. READ RUTH 4:11-12.

a. What happened to Ruth in verses 11-12?

b. Considering what happened in Ruth chapter 1, what would the communal response have meant to Naomi? For Ruth, the Moabitess?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- In this week's message, we were reminded that "doing the right thing usually costs us something. There is a price to pay." When have you experienced this in your own life? What did you learn from it?
 - What is a situation you're facing now where doing the right thing might be associated with personal cost? How does Ruth's story encourage you?
 - How can you thank Jesus for giving up everything to be your Kinsman Redeemer?
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GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- When was the last time you had a "waiting" period with God? What was it like?

RESPOND

- What's been a sacrifice that God has been pushing you to make that maybe you've been avoiding? Respond this week by committing to obedience to God's call.

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MEMORY VERSE

Romans 5:10-11, New Living Translation (NLT)

"For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God."

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