

Notes for Discussions – Ruth 4

FUN OPENER!

Has anyone had an experience when they've needed rescuing? Tell us about it, briefly! How did you feel when the rescue arrived?

HOPE

We were reminded that a significant part of the flow of the book of Ruth is the journey from ***despair to hope*** (the opening words "In the days when the judges ruled" would have told the first readers this was an incredibly dark time in Israel's history; and the book ends with the mention of David, synonymous with hope and better times!)

Qu: How did Naomi and Ruth show their trust in God and hold on to hope, even when things were tough?

Qu: How can we encourage one another when we're going through desperate times?

Qu: Which other characters in Scripture experienced hardship but kept their faith alive through it? What can we learn from them?

RIGHT, RESOURCES, RESOLVE

Ruth 4 shows that to be a Redeemer, one needs to have the Right, the Resources and the Resolve – you can see this in Boaz. We see it in Jesus too!

Qu: Can you remind each other how Jesus meets these criteria of a redeemer?

Right? (born as fully human, lived among us, tempted in every way...)

Resources? (authority over sin, demons, elements, sickness...)

Resolve? (the cross)

Qu: As redeemed people, those who have been saved, we are commissioned to go to the lost and tell them the good news of Jesus... In what ways do we have the

Right?

Resources?

Resolve?

What holds us back? What can we do to address this?

Discuss creative ways we can share the good news of Jesus with others.

Perhaps get specific. Pray for specific opportunities. Individually or together?

Read and Pray - Colossians 4:2-6