

## Ruth Week 5 - Costly Redemption

Ruth 2:1-13, Leviticus 19:9-10

### Discussion Questions:

1. It was important for the land Naomi owned to be redeemed, but it was urgent for them to find a way to feed themselves. In our lives we have to balance urgent and important needs all the time and discerning the difference can be challenging. What are some important needs in your life? What are some urgent needs in your life?
2. The Gleaning laws were a way for God's people to practice generosity towards the poor and foreigners. Because of the gleaning laws Ruth and Naomi were able to survive this trying season of life. As Christians we have the privilege to follow Christ in practicing generosity towards the poor and marginalized. What are some opportunities before you to practice generosity?
3. Ruth's faith was more than just mental assent. Her faith in God transformed her character and became the primary way people described her. How has Christ been transforming your character? In what areas of your life can you see his transforming work?
4. The commandments surrounding the role of Guardian Redeemer were clear in God's word, yet it was not something that was always practiced as is evidenced by the relative that passed up the opportunity to redeem Naomi's land. In your own walk with God, what are some teachings from God's word that are clearly known to you, yet you are currently struggling to apply them?
5. Boaz's motivation to obey God and be a guardian redeemer was in response to Ruth's sacrificial love for Naomi. In like manner, our motivation to obey God is in response to Christ's sacrificial love. As you take a moment to reflect on the love of Christ, what begins to stir in your soul? Are there any particular areas in your life that God's love is motivating obedience toward?
6. We enter into God's bigger story the moment we decide to extend sacrificial, costly love towards others. Who in your life is God calling you to love in a costly manner?
7. Share prayer requests with 2-3 people