

Discussion Guide
Series: Bold wk3 Redeemer
September 22, 2024

 Big Idea
God made a way for us to be redeemed, to be brought back to Himself, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

 Icebreaker

Did you get a Core Journal for the All Church Journey? Are you in a group to process the Journey together using that Journal? If not, consider using the Group Finder button on our website to find one!

 Discussion Questions

1. Read Ruth 3:1-6. What about Naomi's people and the ways of their God (who has become Ruth's God) is Ruth learning here? Do you think this would have felt foreign to Ruth & if so in what way(s)? What of God's ways seem foreign to you/us today? How does Ruth's obedience to His ways despite it seeming foreign demonstrate her trust in Him? Is there some way of His that you need to demonstrate obedience in, despite it seeming foreign but that would demonstrate your trust of Him? Fill in the following blanks: *Ruth displays everyday b_____ by t_____ in God's ways of providing for her.* If you inserted your name for "Ruth's" in that last statement, would it be true of you?
2. Read Ruth 3:9-11. Is Ruth's character important to Boaz? Specifically what aspect(s) of her character is/are important to him? What has she done that has resulted in her building such a reputation in his sight? Who do you know that demonstrates similar character traits?
3. Read Ruth 3:12-13. How is Boaz obediently doing what is right in God's eyes? How does this demonstrate his trust in God? What else could have Boaz chosen to do in this scene/situation? Why do you think he didn't choose to do something else? Fill in the following blanks: *Boaz displays everyday b_____ by doing what was r_____ in the eyes of God.* Most of the situations we encounter in life are like multi-lane intersections where we could choose to proceed in several different ways. Is there an intersection you are at in life with multiple options? If so, how will you choose your path?
4. The time of Judges, remember, was a time where "everyone did what was right in their own eyes" (Judges 21:25). But Boaz shows us here that even in those times there were still some (he, himself) who refused to succumb to his own version of right & wrong. So, even in the worst periods of human history there are those who remain faithful to God and thus are a blessing to others. How do you plan to grow in being & remain being one who is similar to this, regardless of what is, or will be, going on in the world/community around us?
5. Read Ruth 4:13-15. As you think about the entirety of the Ruth/Naomi story and how it began to where it is now (per this reading), contrast the beginning to the end. For example, in the beginning there was death (how?) and now there is life (how?). What other contrast can you list?
6. Read Ruth 4:18-22. Why is this information significant and how does it make the story of Ruth & Naomi go beyond being a story of blessing for them to being the same such story for us...and for all? Read Galatians 4:4-7 and be grateful (why?/how?)!

 Concluding Question

Becoming part of a family (especially with adoption) includes learnings and growth to be such. How do you need to pursue growth in becoming a more well-adjusted member of God's family?

 Prayer

Pray to God for His powerful movement across our church through the All Church Journey (starts 9/29).