

November 21

NEXT STEPS



Stories

This Sunday, we will continue the message series titled "Stories." We will be digging into stories from the Old Testament and seeing how these apply deeply to our lives today. For this week, we will be looking at Ruth 4.

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. Notice the chapter begins with Boaz arrived at the town gate “just as” the kinsman-redeemer arrives. Share about a time of a chance occurrence like that in your life. How does this point us back to our reminder: There are no coincidences with God?
2. Boaz tells the other kinsman redeemer that Naomi is selling a piece of land and that he should buy it. Why do you think Boaz talks about redeeming the land first and redeeming Ruth second? What is the man’s initial response to buying the land from Naomi? Why did he initially respond this way?
3. Once Boaz mentions that Ruth, the Moabitess, is also a part of the package, what is the man’s response? Why do you think he changed his mind? Remember what Pastor Bill spoke about Boaz, and how the land would be passed along to the next generation.
4. At the end of chapter 4, Naomi is told that Ruth, her daughter-in-law, is better to her than seven sons. Again, what does this tell us about the kind of woman Ruth is, and the kind of people that God blesses and works through? What would need to change in your life to be a person that God can bless and work through?
5. Our reminder this week is that: **God’s grace is both costly and life changing.** When have you experienced this kind of grace from God or another person? What was the impact on your life?