

Sermon: Resting In the Love of Your Redeemer
Series: *Ruth: A Redemption Story*

Scripture: Ruth 3
Date: May 2, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) In Chapter 3 where do you see the providential direction of God continuing?
- b) Where have you seen God's provision in your life recently? How has he given you hope?

2) What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) In what ways if any have you been feeling weary? Anxious? Needing rest?
- b) Hope allows us to step out in faith? How did each of these demonstrate faith in this chapter: Naomi, Ruth, Boaz?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) How is Ruth's love (*hesed*) for Naomi a picture of Christ's love for us? How is Boaz's love for Ruth a picture of Christ's love for us? Think about the cost required for both.
- b) Think about the weariness, anxiety, fear, neediness you are facing right now. How does Jesus and his salvation offer you rest today (Read Matt. 11:28)?

APPLICATION

- a) Have you felt God nudging you to step out faith in any specific way recently? Is there any specific way God is calling you to love someone and help them find rest? Think about how Ruth loved Naomi by seeking a redeemer, and Boaz loved both Naomi and Ruth by being willing to be a redeemer to them.

FIGHTER VERSES: Galatians 4:4-7.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his providential care in your life.
- Repent of any ways you are failing to trust Christ for your rest, or any false "rests" you are counting on.
- Ask God to remind you of his love for you and fill you with the courage to love others.
- Thank Jesus for being your rest giving redeemer.