



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: November 13, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Ruth 4 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What do you notice about Boaz's method of addressing the other redeemer in verses 1-6? Why is this process so important?
- 5) The closer kinsman-redeemer with first rights (whose name is not recorded or remembered) quickly changes his yes to no! Why? What does he fear? What is the irony here, in light of the rest of the chapter?
- 6) With the exchanged sandal symbolizing the transferred rights to redemption, Boaz legitimately and nobly announces his redemption of Elimelech's inheritance. How do his words show that he understands the purpose of the laws he is fulfilling?
- 7) Boaz acted honorably in redeeming Ruth and perpetuating the family of Elimelech. What are some situations in life (or at work) in which it is difficult to act honorably?
- 8) As you read this blessing given at the city's gate (vv. 11–12), what is the significance of the names mentioned? How do the words and phrases echo even more loudly than the people could know at the time?
- 9) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

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