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A Study in the Book of Ruth

Ruth 4

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

Redemption:

- An act of redeeming or the state of being redeemed
- Deliverance; rescue
- Recovery of something pawned or mortgaged
- Re-purchase of something pawned or mortgaged
- Re-purchase, as of something sold

- Think about and list as many things as you can that are redeemed in this world. Please include not only spiritual examples, but also physical and emotional examples (people, things, animals, land…).

- Share the best example that you've experienced (personally or witnessed) of redemption.

- Think about movies that are about redemption. One of my favorites is the movie, "Seabisquit." It's a movie about the redemption of an entire group of people, all centered around the redemption of a horse that becomes one of the greatest race horses in the history of our country. Just remembering it brings chills again. Are there other movies that come to your mind? Tons, right? We love to talk about redemption, because there is something about it that touches the depths of our soul.

- Why do you think redemption touches us so deeply? What is it about redemption that is so special...so invigorating...so inspirational?

- Now recap the story of the book of Ruth. Don't read it; just talk. Talk through the entire story and bring out all the pieces and parts you remember. Recap the stories and the names, the events and the places, and what they all mean.

- What are the major themes, take-aways, challenges, affirmations and truths in this book of Ruth?

- Finally (and perhaps, most importantly), how will your life change because of this story? (Because if there's nothing that will change, what's the point, right?) What about God's Word, the Holy Scriptures and Ruth's redemption will shape, change and form who you are and will be as a man or a woman following God?