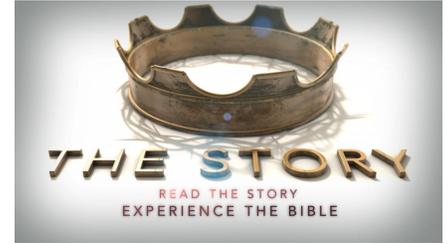


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for April 25, 2021:
Chapter 9: Ruth



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week
2. When have you seen great courage? When have you displayed courage?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. 14 The women said to Naomi: “Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! 15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.”

16 Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. 17 The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:13-17

For reflection on this passage:

1. (Read Ch.9 in *The Story*) What were some of the losses that Naomi and Ruth faced? How did each of them respond to these painful experiences?
2. Naomi was a person of faith, but she also questioned God and was deeply honest about her struggles. In what ways did Naomi’s losses impact how she viewed God and his work in her life?
3. Boaz was a man of amazing character and wisdom. What can we learn from Boaz’s interactions with his workers, including Ruth?
4. We also get glimpses into Ruth’s character. What are some of the exemplary aspects of her heart, attitudes, and behavior? How might Ruth be a role model for people today?
5. Boaz offers and pays to redeem the land of Naomi’s dead husband and his two sons. Give examples of things God calls Christians to do that cost us a great deal and do not pay off much (in this life or the eyes of the world).
6. How did Jesus’ life model service and sacrifice for people who really had nothing with which to pay him back?
7. What has Jesus given you that you could never truly pay back? How can we express gratitude for his amazing generosity?
8. When you think of how Naomi’s life when from Mara (bitter) to Naomi (beautiful), what were

the ways God extended grace to this faithful woman?

- **SERVE** *others*

Who needs you to come alongside of them to remind them that they are love (or beautiful) and what is one action you can take this week to extend God's grace to this person?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**