



Sermon Discussion Guide

November 16, 2025

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Jesus redeems and shows us God's favor.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. What is something you are thankful for today?
2. When you were growing up, how did you make a promise to a friend or sibling? (i.e. pinky promise, blood brother, etc.)

Transition / Open in prayer

3. Tell the group about a time you needed someone to help you, but they could not help or resolve the issue.

Life Examination:

READ Ruth 4:1-12

4. How would you describe what is happening in this passage? If you were a reporter, what are two questions you would ask the eyewitnesses of this gathering?
5. Why do you think the first kinsman-redeemer doesn't redeem Ruth or the land?
6. Why did Boaz need 10 elders, a sandal, and all the other people to be witness to what was happening?
7. Why is the blessing of the people (verse 12) surprising as it relates to Ruth's history?

READ Luke 4:14-21

8. The "year of the Lord's favor" is connected to the year of Jubilee from Leviticus 25:8-13. How is the Jubilee year connected to Ruth's story?
9. What is the purpose of the year of the Lord's favor?
10. What are some ways Jesus accomplished this purpose?

Life Application:

11. What character traits that Boaz and Ruth embody are traits you would like to see in your life?
12. How does making our decisions and commitments public deepen and strengthen them?
13. It was surprising that Boaz decided to redeem Ruth. What is surprising about who Jesus' chose to redeem?
14. What are some ways you experience the favor of God in your everyday life?
15. Describe a time in your life when you needed God to redeem you from poverty, captivity, blindness, or oppression. If you have a hard time remembering a time, think about it from a spiritual perspective.

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to redeem each one in your group.