

# Destined for Redemption

AN ADVENT STUDY IN THE BOOK OF RUTH



## GETTING STARTED

If you have done any genealogy work or DNA testing (i.e. 23 & Me), have you been surprised by anything on your reporting? Any new revelations about your family tree?

### QUESTION ONE

Read Ruth 4:13-22. How did God redeem Naomi's pain? Compare Naomi's response to the birth of Obed in verses 14-15 with her response to the death of her husband and sons in chapter 1:15 & 20-21.

### QUESTION TWO

Briefly go back and review the prayer of the elders in verses 11-12. As you read verses 18-22, how do you see this prayer answered?

**FOLLOW UP:** Read Matthew 1:5. How does it appear that the prayer of the elders was answered here?

### QUESTION THREE

How have the blessings Boaz pronounced over Ruth in chapter 2:12 and 3:10 been fulfilled in these verses?

### QUESTION FOUR

Looking back at the beginning of the story to where we are at now, we've been given a picture God's faithfulness in Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz's lives; He was sovereignly involved in meeting all of their needs! Do you believe that He is at work in the same way in your life? Why or why not?

### QUESTION FIVE

Take time to briefly read through the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1. Who are the women named in the genealogy? What is significant about each of them?

**FOLLOW UP:** Why do you think Matthew included them in the genealogy?

### QUESTION SIX

In the book of Ruth, we see the high cost of redemption also has a high reward. Have you experienced the reward that comes from someone else's great service and sacrifice?

**FOLLOW UP:** Read Galatians 4:4-5 and 1 Peter 1:18-19. Where do we see God in his great mercy pay a high price to bring about us redemption?

## PRAYER & APPLICATION

The Book of Ruth is a wonderful story of God's faithfulness. Where have you seen God faithfully at work in your life in the past? Where do you need to trust His faithfulness now?

