

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?

