



REDEEMED — Finding God in the Ordinary

Week 6 — God's Bigger Story

Big Idea: God is always working on a bigger story than the one we can see.

Ice Breaker: What is something good that has happened in your life that you never would have expected when you were younger?

1. GOD RESTORES MORE THAN WE EXPECT : Read Ruth 4:1–10

Discuss:

1. What stands out to you about Boaz's willingness to accept a responsibility that the nearer redeemer was unwilling to take?
2. Naomi once believed that she had returned to Bethlehem empty. How had God already begun to change her situation by this point in the story?
3. Have you ever looked at something in your life and thought, "That chapter is over; nothing good can come from this"? What does Ruth teach us about trusting God when we cannot see the whole story?

2. GOD BLESSES MORE THAN WE EXPECT : Read Ruth 4:11–12

Discuss:

1. What do you think Ruth might have been thinking about when she first arrived in Bethlehem? How different was that from what God ultimately had in store for her?
2. The sermon said, "Sometimes we ask God for enough to get through the day, while God is preparing something that will affect future generations we will never see." How does that change the way you think about God's blessings?
3. Ruth's ordinary faithfulness eventually became part of a much greater story. Where might God be asking you simply to trust Him with the next step, even though you cannot see what comes after it?

3. GOD IS WRITING A BIGGER STORY THAN WE EXPECT : Read Ruth 4:13–22

Discuss:

1. Naomi couldn't see chapter 4 when she was standing in chapter 1. Ruth couldn't see David when she was gleaning in Boaz's field. What does this teach us about our own ability to understand what God is doing?
2. Ruth was a Moabite, an outsider, and a widow—and yet God gave her a significant place in His story. What does her story teach us about God's grace and who He can use?
3. How does knowing that Ruth's story ultimately points toward Jesus change the way you understand the book of Ruth?

LIVING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORY

Read Proverbs 3:5–6

We rarely know how our current chapter will end. But our circumstances are not the whole story. Our disappointment, failure, loss, and even success are not the whole story. God sees what we cannot.

Discuss:

What is one area of your life where you need to stop trying to see the whole story and simply trust God with the next step?

Close in Prayer