

When Redeeming is what we do!

1. How would you answer "Why do you follow Jesus?"

2. Ruth 4:1-8 The elder kinsman like the idea of redeeming the land for himself but did not like the baggage (Ruth) that came along with the property. What are your thoughts on Boaz' dealings with his older brother?

.3. Boaz states that a Levirate marriage to Ruth is intended with the redeeming of the land. Read Deut 25:5-10. What are your observations of this passage? How does this fit into the context of Ruth 4?

b. Gen 38 and Matt 22:23-33 are possible levirate marriage situations. What do you learn about God's character and will through these passages?

4. Ruth 4:9-12 The elders ratify the redemption and then bless him by reminding him of his family history. Read Genesis 29:14b-30:24 and Gen 38. What do you think of his family? What events in your family history would you have a difficult time calling a “blessing”?

5. Ruth 4:13-17. Naomi begins to perceive that her name does describe her life instead of “mara”, bitter, Ruth 1:20-21. Where or when in your life has bitterness overtaken your outlook on life? What happened, if it has happened, to change your outlook from bitter to blessed?

6. For whatever your particular reasons or situation, what does it feel like to be childless? Why does a child change everything?

7. Matthew 1:1-17 is a partial listing of Jesus’ family tree. What do you notice about some of the people listed? Reflective of Boaz’ intention that Ruth’s son would be named after Mahlon, Obed is never recorded as Mahlon’s heir. Why do you think that has happened?

8. How have your prayer requests been answered? How can we pray for you tonight?