Ruth

Study Outline

Main Point: Even in the midst of all the wickedness outlined in Judges, the story of Ruth, not only reveals there were still pockets of faith in spite of the nations tragic social decline, but that God still had a plan for redeeming His people from their sin by providing what was known in Leviticus 25 as a "Kinsman-Redeemer". The book of Ruth, not only reveals this divine blueprint for salvation, but it further illustrates the heart behind God's plan.... LOVE. The love story of Ruth & Boaz is also a story about You & God. You were living a "Life apart from God", but like Ruth you made a "Decision to Return". By living a life consistent with your decision for God, like Ruth, you're "Proving Your Faith" by living a Godly life. Because God is "The Unconditional Lover", living to please Him was simply a natural "Response to His Unconditional Love", which ultimately manifested itself by providing you "Redemption through a Redeemer". This book is also crucial because it connects the tribe of Judah with the lineage of King David, thus paving the way for Jesus to prove His heritage.

1. Life Apart from God....
   a. Famine in the Land: Israel's Disobedience   Ruth 1:1
   b. Faithless, Failures & Funerals: Elimelech & Sons   Ruth 1: 2-5

2. Decision to Return....
   a. Faith & Repentance: Ruth   Ruth 1: 6-18
   b. Frustrations & Consequences: Naomi   Ruth 1: 19-22

3. Proving Your Faith....
   a. Actions of Ruth   Ruth 2
   b. Humility, Virtue & Reputation of Ruth   Ruth 2

4. The Unconditional Lover....
   a. Boaz's Love is Sincere, Gracious & Selfless   Ruth 2
   b. Boaz's Love Provides & Protects   Ruth 2

5. Response to His Unconditional Love....
   a. Ruth Lovingly Pursues Boaz   Ruth 3
   b. Ruth Trusts His Promises   Ruth 3
   c. Ruth Submits to His Plan   Ruth 3

6. Redemption by a Kinsman-Redeemer....
   a. Boaz Initiates the Transaction   Ruth 4
   b. Boaz Satisfies the Law   Ruth 4
   c. Boaz Pays the Price   Ruth 4
   d. Boaz Redeems the Prize   Ruth 4

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Day 1: Garbage Can....

Ruth 1: 1-5 // THINKING POINTS: *(1). In the Bible we find 13 mentions of "famine", and in every instance it describes a Judgement of God.... in what way does a "famine" describe the consequences of sin? (2). Judging from our story do you think fleeing God's punishment by running off to Moab worked out for this family? (3). Why do you think punishment is needed when we're disobedient?*

Day 2: Rubber Meets the Road....

Ruth 1: 6-16 // THINKING POINTS: *(1). Orpah & Ruth were both faced with a decision - stay in Moab or go with Naomi.... why did Orpah return to Moab & Ruth went with Naomi? (2). What was Ruth's reasoning? (3). Ruth walked by faith - Orpah didn't.... how did each of their stories turn out in the end?*

Day 3: It Just so Happened....

Ruth 2 // THINKING POINTS: *(1). Do you think Ruth entered the field of Boaz by accident or was God pulling the strings? (2). For the child of obedience, does anything happen by chance or is God in total control? (3). Compare the way God led Ruth to the way He directed other saints in the Old Testament.... who do you more relate too?*

Day 4: Thats Hot....

Ruth 2 & 3 // THINKING POINTS: *(1). From our passage, do you think Boaz thought Ruth was attractive? (2). What was it that attracted Boaz to Ruth? (3). Judging from our story, do you think the way Ruth handled herself attracted the right kind of guy?*

Day 5: Claiming Boaz....

Ruth 3 // THINKING POINTS: *(1). Boaz was the only one that would redeem Ruth; however, before he could redeem her, what was required of Ruth? (2). Jesus is the only one who can redeem you from your sinful state (salvation), but in order for Him to accomplish this work what too is required of you? (3). Naomi gave Ruth 4 specific instructions when it came to approaching Boaz.... what were they & what do they mean?*

Day 6: Kinsman-Redeemer....

Ruth 4 // THINKING POINTS: *(1). In the process of redemption, what job did Ruth & Boaz play in the story? (2). What motivated Boaz to redeem Ruth for himself? (3). Why was this provision in the Law (Kinsman-Redeemer) so important for the saving work of Jesus?*

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