



## June 7th • Unexpected Redemption • Ruth 4:1-11

We have reshaped our study guides for ease of use in our new [Connection Groups](#) and for this season of virtual group gatherings.

**Opening:** Take your time in reflecting on and answering these opening questions.

- A. How does the story of Ruth matter in the turmoil we are facing today?
- B. What has helped you respond to the racial turmoil happening across our nation? How have you responded.

### Read & Reflect: Read Ruth 4:1-11

1. Compare/contrast the actions of Boaz with the actions of “Mr. So & So” the relative who is closer in relation to Naomi.
2. Explain in your own words what a Kinsman Redeemer is.
3. Have you ever considered/acted on behalf of someone else in a way that helped “redeem” them or a situation? Has anyone done that for you?
4. How is Christ our Kinsman Redeemer?
5. What has Jesus rescued you from? How has that shaped how you live your life?
6. As followers of Christ, we too are meant to take bold action to be redemptive agents for the people of our world. How does this practically look for you, in our current cultural climate?
7. **Steps Toward Creative Conflict Resolution** found in Ruth 4:2-11...

**Step 1:** Assume that there is no wrong motive on the part of the other. *“I thought I should bring the matter to your attention.”*

**Step 2:** Describe (not demand) a creative action. *“I suggest that you buy it.”*

**Step 3:** Bring in others as witnesses, if there is a doubt as to the other’s capacity to listen or act responsibly. *“...in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders.”*

**Step 4:** Explain the possible outcomes and your stake in them. *“...if you will redeem it... if you will not... I am next in line.”*

- A. Which one of the steps come most naturally for you? Which seems to take more work?
- B. Is there any relational conflict in your life from which you might learn from Boaz’s approach to confrontation?
- C. Where might God be calling you to take action in the face of some “unfruitful” situation before He will bring forth fruit?

### Practice(s) for the Week

- Continue to reflect and prayerfully journal on question #6.



- Allow others to be encouraged and inspired by what God is doing in your life through the story of Ruth, by telling us what you are discovering! Share to [stories@christchurch.us](mailto:stories@christchurch.us) or post on our [Grow Ministry FaceBook Page](#). If you're not on FaceBook, email Pastor Eric Haskins ([ehaskins@christchurch.us](mailto:ehaskins@christchurch.us)) who is happy to share and post on your behalf.