

The Smaller Story

The story of Ruth shows us the _____
of _____

The story of Ruth _____ to _____

NEXT STEPS: In your growth groups, or at home with family or friends, try retelling the story of Scripture and how the story of Ruth fits into that larger story.

NEXT WEEK: Ruth Chapter 1



Why Is the Story of Ruth in the Bible?

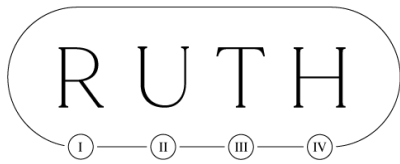
Ruth

Sunday, June 18, 2023

The short story of Ruth is a fascinating read, but why did God include it in the Bible? Today, we begin our summer study of Ruth by understanding this smaller story in light of the larger story of Scripture that centers on Jesus.

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

In light of both our summer series (Ruth and Reel Grace) dealing with stories, share which stories (books, movies, short stories, etc.) have fascinated you most in your life.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Ruth 1:1–18. Discuss how God's word impacted you this week? What were your takeaways from the message?
2. Read Luke 24:27, 44, 45 along with John 5:39 and discuss why it's so important to read the Old Testament stories with Christ in view. What are the dangers of not doing this?
3. Have one brave person in your group take a shot at retelling the overarching story of the Bible. Then have another person explain where and how the short story of Ruth fits into that larger story.

4. What is God's "hidden providence," how does it show up in the story, and why should that encourage us today?

5. Look at Galatians 3:13 & 2:12–13 and discuss how the redemption story in Ruth is meant to foreshadow our redemption in Christ.

6. After beginning our study, what excites you about the story of Ruth? What are you interested in diving into?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Praise God for the redemption we have in Christ.
- Pray for eyes of faith to see God at work even when he seems hidden.
- Share physical and spiritual updates and pray for those areas of your lives.
- Pray that the summer study in Ruth would draw our church closer to the heart of God.