

RUTH



God's Redemptive Purpose

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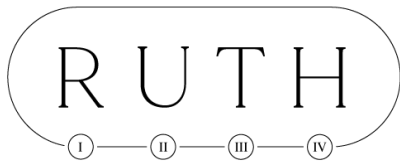
Sunday, August 6, 2023

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God is on a mission to restore and redeem. Today's message shows how God reaches into the mess of humanity—using unlikely means & individuals to show his love & push forward his redemptive plan.

NEXT STEP: This week, take some time to consider the following: Are you trusting God in your life? Does your life embody that trust? Are you building others to trust in God and follow boldly after 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)*

Share with each other a time when God showed up in an unexpected way.

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

1. Glance at the passages and notes from this week's message (Genesis 38, Joshua 2 & 6, Ruth 4:11-12). What were some of your biggest take-aways? Share with each other what the Holy Spirit is teaching you.
2. A major emphasis of this week's message is that God uses unlikely means & individuals to showcase his love & advance his redemptive purpose. With that in mind, discuss the following two questions:
 - What does the story of Tamar (Genesis 38) teach you about who God is and how he works out his redemptive plan in humanity?
 - What does the story of Rahab (Joshua 2-6; especially 2:1-14 and 6:22-25) teach you about who God is and how he works out his redemptive plan in humanity?

3. Read Galatians 3:16, 26-29. What does this passage teach you about the nature and impact of the gospel? How does this understanding impact the way you respond to God? How does it impact the way you treat others?

4. As you consider the Gospels, how might the Evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) reflect a gospel message that runs counter-intuitive to the world's ways and elevates the overlooked & underprivileged?

5. Read the 3-part blessing the elders give Ruth & Boaz in Ruth 4:11-12. This blessing elicits 3 questions:

- Are you trusting God in your life?
- Does your life show that trust?
- Are you cultivating others to trust in God?

Which of the 3 parts come easier for you? Which part is more difficult for you? Share your thoughts.

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

- Pray that God would work in our hearts to cultivate an active trust in him.
- Pray that God would empower us to live consistent lives that display him well.
- Pray that God would use our lives to point others to trust in Jesus.
- Pray for continued impact in the lives of our students & leaders that went to Hume.
- Pray for God's blessing & activity upon us in this upcoming new year.