



Jesus, the True and Better – The Story of Ruth and Boaz

OPENING: Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group.

Series Overview: The story of Ruth and Boaz gives us a picture of covenant kindness—love that moves toward people, remains faithful when it becomes costly, and participates in redemption. Jesus is the fullest revelation of God’s covenant faithfulness and lovingkindness.

Discussion Questions

CONNECT

- What is one small act of kindness someone has shown you that you still remember? Why did it matter?
- When does kindness become hardest for you?

DISCOVER

Read Together: Ruth 1:14-28; 2:8-16; and 4:13-17 together.

Initial observations + Interpreting Scripture:

- Initial Thoughts: What stood out to you from the passages or from the sermon?

Unpack the Story

- Ruth had a reasonable opportunity to return to Moab, but she chose to bind her future to Naomi’s. What did her commitment cost her, and what makes it more than ordinary kindness?
- In Ruth 2, Boaz does more than the law required. What specific ways does he protect, provide for, welcome, and honor Ruth? What do his actions reveal about the heart behind God’s law?
- Naomi initially describes herself as bitter and empty (Ruth 1:20-21). By the end of the story, how has God begun to restore her? Where can you see God working quietly before Naomi could recognize it?

Personal Reflection

- Are you more likely to offer “momentary kindness” or “covenant kindness”? Where are you tempted to search for an exit when loving someone becomes complicated?

- Ruth asked, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me?” How does that question connect with the grace you have received from Jesus?

Gospel Connection

Boaz is a redeemer who moves toward a vulnerable outsider, welcomes her, protects her dignity, provides abundantly, and commits himself to her redemption. Jesus is the True and Better Redeemer. He moved toward us when we could not repay Him, bore the cost of our redemption at the cross, welcomed us into His family, and remains faithful to His covenant. God’s kindness is not permission to remain unchanged; it is meant to lead us to repentance (Romans 2:4).

- Which part of Jesus’ covenant kindness is hardest for you to believe personally—that He sees you, welcomes you, removes your shame, or remains committed to your redemption? Why?

APPLY – Practicing Covenant Kindness

- **Move Towards Someone:** Who might God be calling you to notice rather than overlook?
- **Go Beyond the Minimum:** Where have you been asking, “What am I required to do?” instead of, “What would love do?”
- **Set Faithful Boundaries:** “How can you combine generosity with wisdom so that your kindness is sustainable and genuinely helpful?”

GROUP PRAYER

Pray Together as a Group:

- **Thank God:** Praise Him for seeing us, moving toward us, and committing Himself to our redemption
- **Pray for Repentance:** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where God’s kindness is calling each person to turn from sin and surrender
- **Pray for Covenant Kindness:** Ask God to help the group love with courage, wisdom, faithfulness, and endurance.
- **Pray for the Vulnerable:** Lift up people who feel overlooked, displaced, ashamed, or without hope, asking God to make His care visible through His people.

CLOSING

- Close by thanking Jesus for being our True and Better Redeemer. Encourage everyone to read the full book of Ruth this week and look for every place God’s hidden providence and covenant kindness appear.