

RUTH HOPE



Ruth 4:13–22 » Pastor Matthew St. John » November 26, 2017

Discussion Questions

1. Consider at least one person whose walk with the Lord has left a positive impact on your life. What are particular things you remember about that person and how did their life influence yours? If that person is still around, consider how to thank him or her.
2. Ruth 4:13 tells us that after Ruth and Boaz got married they had a son. Verse 17 says, “A son has been born to Naomi.” It is clear from the context that Ruth and Boaz gave Naomi the son they bore for Naomi to adopt and call her own. What emotions must have been at play here? Can you think of a time when you willingly let go of something significant? How did you process the tension of joy and grief?
3. Read John 3:16 and John 10:17–18. Expanding upon the previous question, in what way does Ruth’s sacrifice hint toward the story of Jesus?
4. In the sermon, Pastor Matthew read through portions of Matthew 1. Along with Ruth and Boaz being referenced within this genealogy of Jesus, what unique things stand out and how might these things shape our thinking of the world around us and God’s redemptive plan?
5. With your friends or family gathered around, discuss the vision God is giving you based on what you have seen in the lives of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz. What might it look like for you to live according to the spirit of the law, to lift others up, to help them have God’s vision for their lives and to sacrifice so God may be glorified and people honored? What are the opportunities you have as well as the roadblocks to overcome?

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