

Discuss

Why did Boaz follow the letter of the law to fulfill his promise to Ruth? What do his actions show about his attitude toward God and His laws?

What does Boaz propose to the redeemer? What is the redeemer's original answer? How does Boaz turn the tables in his favor? Why do you think he included Ruth in the bargain second?

What does the redeemer say after he learns he must marry Ruth in verse 6? What do you think about Boaz's strategy to make sure he was the one to redeem Ruth?

Looking back on previous sessions, what should have the redeemer done for Ruth and Naomi? How are the redeemer's actions disgraceful? How does he compare to Boaz?

After Boaz seals the deal, what do the witnesses pray for him? What blessing do they ask for? Who are Rachel, Leah, and Tamar?

In verse 10, what reason does Boaz give for marrying Ruth? Whose name is he protecting? What was Boaz willing to sacrifice in order to marry Ruth? How does Boaz show humility through his actions?

In what ways does Boaz display *hesed* toward Ruth, Naomi, and God in this passage? What characteristics of Christ does Boaz exhibit through his actions?

Philippians 2:6–11. How did Jesus sacrifice in order to save humanity? What is the result of Jesus' obedience? What is the most meaningful part about Jesus' sacrifice to you? Why?

When you pause to think about Jesus' sacrifice, how does that reminder change your outlook on the day?

When has someone sacrificed for you? How did their sacrifice make you feel?

What conveniences, securities, or comforts do you have to put on the line in order to sacrifice for others? What challenges or joys come with sacrifice?

Who is one person who regularly shows you sacrificial love? How could you love them this week?

Live It Out

Pray: Ask God to give you fresh eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' sacrifice. Pray the same for those in your life who do not yet know Him.

Sacrifice: Choose something to sacrifice this week (maybe money, time, energy, convenience, etc.) for the sake of a relationship (spouse, friend, family member, coworker, boss, pastor, etc.). Go out of your way to love that person sacrificially.

Journal: Read Philippians 2:6–11 again this week. As you read, write down your thoughts and feelings about Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and exaltation. Write out a prayer of thanksgiving to Jesus for sacrificing everything for us.

Study: Read the stories of Rachel, Leah, and Tamar this week (Gen. 29–30, 38). Take note of how God provides for each of these women.

Reflect: Think about your attitude toward sacrifice this week. What do you consider a worthwhile sacrifice? What are you unwilling to give up for others? Consider Boaz's attitude toward his name and inheritance as you reflect.