



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

WEEK 4: THE BEST IS YET TO COME

As the story of Ruth comes to a close we see that while things dramatically improve for Ruth (and Naomi) through Boaz redeeming Ruth, this is not the end of the story. The story of Ruth is more than just her story, by drawing a foreigner into the story of God's people, God sets the path for the ultimate redeemer, Jesus, who redeems everyone of us.

SCRIPTURE:

Ruth 4

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. When in your life have you felt that things were good but there was a promise of better things to come? What helped you hold on to the promise?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. A family redeemer is one who chooses to take on the debt of another to set them free. How does Jesus doing that through His death on the cross redeem you? What impact does this have on your life?
4. Throughout the story of Ruth we see a progression of her moving from being a Moabite, to a foreigner, to a servant to a wife. In this God removes the things from her past that used to define her. What is something from your life that at times makes you think it defines you? How is God moving you away from that?
5. Even Naomi experiences a transformation. Naomi, whose name means “pleasant,” turns bitter because of loss in her life. At the end of the story, the bitterness is melting away. What are some ways that God has acted in your life to pull you out of bitterness and sadness?
6. Ruth is a foreigner who is not only drawn into the people of God, but she becomes an integral part of the story of God by being named in the genealogy of Jesus. How is God redefining you to be an integral part of His story?
7. What step is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take in response to this?