



# LIFE GROUPS

## THIS IS MY BIBLE

### Chapter 2- “Ordinary People with Extraordinary Stories”

#### Ruth

#### Life Group Questions

### GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever had someone stand by you during one of the most difficult times in your life? Share and discuss.
2. During the times of the Bible, widows were some of the most vulnerable members of society. They were frequently at risk of exploitation and abuse. Social welfare systems did not exist, life insurance did not exist, so a widow would frequently fall into poverty. Read Ruth 1:1-5. Discuss the circumstances surrounding these verses.
3. At least Naomi had two sons that could take care of her. What ends up happening to both her sons?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Ruth's commitment to Naomi is a central theme. Discuss the loyalty and commitment demonstrated by Ruth and how it impacts the events in the story.
2. How do you see God's providence at work in the lives of Ruth and Naomi? What instances in the story highlight divine intervention and care?
3. Explore the concept of redemption as seen in the story. How is Boaz a redeemer for Ruth and Naomi, and what does this teach us about God's redemptive plan?
4. Read Ruth 2:1-3. What role do you believe “coincidences” play in our lives? Do you believe in “coincidences” or “fate”? Discuss.
5. Boaz blesses Ruth with his generosity. How do acts of generosity and blessings play a role in the story, and how can we emulate this in our own lives?

6. What is a “kinsman redeemer?”
7. In what ways does Jesus qualify as our “kinsman-redeemer?”
8. Read Ruth 4:13-22. The Book of Ruth concludes with a genealogy leading to David and, ultimately, to Jesus. Discuss the significance of this genealogy and the theme of legacy in the story.

### **APPLYING THE MESSAGE**

1. What qualities of God do you see in the book of Ruth that encourage you in your personal walk with Him?
2. What doubts, anxieties, or feelings of hopelessness do you experience that the book of Ruth speaks to?