



Big Idea: A life that matters points to Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

-- Ruth's significance lies in the remarkable ways it points to God's glory in Christ.

1.) God created us to be with Him (Ruth 1:1-2).

2.) Our sins have separated us from God (Ruth 1:1-5).

-- Our story of redemption begins in the midst of a vast spiritual famine.

-- Because of our sin, we have separated ourselves from God in a perverse and sinful land.

3.) Redemption begins with Repentance and Faith (Ruth 1:6-22).

-- Our redemption means turning away from the old sinful self (Moab) and turning to the new self in Christ (Bethlehem).

4.) Redemption comes only through Christ Jesus (Ruth 2).

-- We who have no standing of our own are given perfect righteousness by our Lord.

-- As Boaz welcomes Ruth into his family, so in Christ we are welcomed into God's forever family.

-- Even as Boaz blesses Ruth with work in his harvest fields, so Christ blesses us to work for Him in the harvest fields of salvation.

5.) Redemption rests on Christ's Righteousness, not our own (Ruth 3:1-11, 4:1-12)

-- The redeemed in Christ stake everything on His perfection.

-- Even as Boaz dealt righteously with the other redeemer, so Christ came to fulfill the Law on our account (Romans 8:3-4).

6.) The redeemed in Christ are His dearly loved Bride (Ruth 3:10-15, 4:13-15).

-- Our redeemer delights in us when we come to Him by faith (Psalm 149:4).

- Christ redeems us, not because He must, but because He loves us.
- It is perfectly fitting that this beautiful picture of redemption culminates in the unique joy of a wedding celebration.
- It points forward to the glorious event in which our redemption in Christ will culminate in the Wedding Feast of the Lamb (Eph. 5:31-32, Rev. 19:7-9).

-- Application: Make every effort to **Point your life to Christ (Ruth 4:16-22).**

- Like any story that ultimately matters, Ruth matters so much because it points to Jesus Christ (John 5:39, Colossians 1:15-16).
- If we live for any purpose other than the glory of God in Christ, then we live for something that won't last and ultimately won't matter.
- In a life sold-out for Christ, every moment matters.

-- Application Questions

- *Do our lives point to Christ? If so, how much and how often?*
- *Do people have a better idea about who Jesus is because of who we are, what we do, and what we say?*
- *Are people more excited about knowing Christ because they know us?*
- *Are we leaving a legacy that points to Christ?*