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Small Group Notes 29/03/20

Ruth Chapter 3: redeeming Love

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Ruth's story continues as she finds both security and love in the family through Boaz as her "Kinsman Redeemer" (Deuteronomy 25:5-10). Rescue for her and Naomi are found but not in the first-in-line relative, who is more concerned not to dilute his own legacy. Instead it is Boaz, who had already shown more than the expected care for Ruth who takes her under his wing. This may all sound a bit distasteful to our 21st century ears but thus was in fact God's plan for the protection of widows in early society. The prophetic insight we can see in their son being an ancestor of King David, and hence Jesus, is provision for our salvation, security and love through Jesus – who redeems us from darkness into light by his sacrifice.

- Recap the story from Ruth chapter 3 & 4
- Read Deuteronomy 25:5-10

- Why was it important in Old Testament times for each family to maintain the line?
- What does this bit of the Law say to you about the nature of God's love?
- How would you compare the actions of the two relatives in 4:1-6?
- How do you give respect to the laws of the land today – by precise measure or generous?
- At this time there are individuals and families in need of help and rescue – what will you do about that?

Above all else is the question: Who do or could you turn to for complete security in life? The world, like the unnamed relative, will only move so far – what about eternal security?

If you have never asked Jesus to be your rescue, your redeemer, maybe you could do that now. If you are serious about that say a prayer like this:

Jesus, I realise that I'm lost, I'm without someone to rely on for this life and eternity. I believe that you offer life to the full to all those who will acknowledge you as the only Son of God, as their Lord, their Saviour. Be my saviour now. I declare that from this day forward I will trust in you, obey your commands and receive your love. Fill me this day with your Spirit as I turn my life from my way to yours.

Amen

If you prayed that prayer, speak to a Christian friend, or get in touch with us – we'd love to pray with you further and welcome you into your heavenly family.