

# RUTH

*a love that redeems*

## discussion guide



### OVERVIEW FOR RUTH: A LOVE THAT REDEEMS

The story of Ruth is one of rebellion, repentance, refuge, redemption and restoration. It lays out for us a love story that mirrors the ultimate love story of God and his redemption of us. This isn't just Ruth's story. This is our story as well. All of us have rebelled and run away from God. We all have the opportunity to repent and return to God. As we return, we will find that God provides a refuge and pays the ultimate cost for our redemption, restoring us to a right relationship with him and others.

#### PART 5: Pace and Space

*Read the text: Ruth 4:1-12*

In this passage, we continue to see what redeeming love looks like. After a closer relative refuses, Boaz commits to redeem Ruth, giving her an amazing new legacy that would ultimately lead to the birth of the True Redeemer. Boaz redeems Ruth's story and provides a beautiful preview of the way God is redeeming our own broken stories through Jesus.

#### Discuss Together

1. The author and poet Annie Dillard writes, "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives. What we do with this hour, and that one, is what we are doing." Our legacy will be the result of how we spend our days, when we say "yes" or "no", and the families and stories that have shaped us along the way. What will your legacy be? When you look at how you spend your days and weeks, what

does your life say about what you believe to be the most important? Take a moment to do an honest assessment of your legacy and then share this with each other.

2. Jesus is inviting you to see your legacy redeemed! He loves to change stories like yours and make them beautiful. Ask Him to redeem your legacy and do something beautiful through it. Pray together for His work in each of your lives to redeem your stories in specific ways.
3. One of the greatest thieves of our legacy is busyness and distraction. We need to pay attention to the pace of our life and slow down to live in God's presence. What is something significant God is calling you to say "no" to this week in order to enjoy Him and His people (be specific)? Share with each other what this may be and commit to following up with each other next week to see how saying "no" went. If you feel like you can't say "no" to anything, let your group think creatively about how they can free you up to slow down for God.