

Redemption

Week 6 – Hatching a Plan

Transition: In last week's text, Boaz went above and beyond in demonstrating kindness and providing protection for Ruth. Ruth continued to demonstrate faithfulness in the ordinary task of gathering barley and Naomi's disposition began to change.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Naomi seeks the well being of Ruth by giving her guidance on how to approach Boaz, her kinsman redeemer. Ruth willingly listens and decides to take the risk.

Opening Questions:

- Do you like to take risks or play it safe? Explain why?
- Share a time when you stepped out of your comfort zone. What was the result?

Scripture/Storying: Ruth 3:1-10

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- Up to this point, Ruth has been taking care of Naomi. It seems the fog of Naomi's bitterness is lifting, and now she is the one looking out for Ruth's security. Can you think of a moment in your life when the fog of hardship began to lift? Describe the changes that took place and how they impacted you.
- Naomi had a sincere desire for Ruth to find a home. Can you think of a time when someone was looking out for your best interest? Share your story with the group and that person's help impacted you. Who in your life does God want you to seek the well-being of and how will you do this?
- Naomi gave Ruth guidance for her upcoming meeting with Boaz. Why is it important to have people in your life that can give helpful guidance? In what practical ways does guidance overlap with discipleship?
- Ruth was willing to listen to Naomi's guidance. When is it easy for you to listen to the guidance of others and why? When is it hard and why? What does it take to develop a willingness to listen to the guidance of others?
- Ruth took a risk by asking Boaz to be her redeemer. What risk is God asking you to take to advance his kingdom at this time? What is scary about this risk? What is exciting?

Prayer time: - Joni & Friends

- Pray for the Joni & Friends team as they plan for 2026- for unity, working well together, and God's guidance.
- Pray for the Lord to bring the right person to fill their Ministry Relations Manager position.
- Pray for the families they serve, that are going through difficult challenges right now.