



WEEK 5: KINSMAN-REDEEMER

Welcome to the week five small group guide for the "Foretold: Jesus throughout the Bible" series. As we work through this series, we hope that each week's discussion will be an opportunity for you and your group to dig deeper into each weekend's sermon.

If you were unable to watch the sermon last weekend, please check it out at <https://www.firstdecatour.org/sermons/>



START

As you start your group time today, **please begin by answering the questions below.**

- ▶ Pastor Rick started this week by sharing about his uncle, H. W. Grace, who played a significant role in his life. He shared some of his favorite memories of his uncle and what he admired about his uncle. As you begin group time today, share about a favorite relative of yours.
 - ▶ What did you admire about that family member?
 - ▶ What is one of your favorite memories of that family member?
 - ▶ What did that family member do that impacted you?

Now that you are warmed up let's dive in.



WATCH THE VIDEO

Pastor Rick did a fantastic job this past weekend of telling the story of Ruth and tying together the idea of Jesus as our kinsman-redeemer. As I reflected on that this past week, I came across this video put together by The Bible Project (<https://bibleproject.com/>) on the book of Ruth. If you are unfamiliar with the Bible Project, I would encourage you to take a look at their website. They offer a variety of resources designed to increase your understanding of Scripture and theology. With that in mind, please watch this video together as a group: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0h1eoBeR4Jk>

- ▶ As you watched the video, what idea resonated most with you? What does that mean for you today?
- ▶ The video highlighted the idea that the book of Ruth shows us how God is involved in the day-to-day joys and hardships of our lives. Why is that significant? How have you experienced that in your own life?
- ▶ Toward the end of the video, the narrator said that the book of Ruth demonstrates how "God weaves together the faithful obedience of his people to bring about his redemptive purposes." What does that mean? How have you experienced that in your own life or seen that in the lives of others? How could God use your faithful obedience today to bring about his redemptive purposes?

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Take a moment to read Ruth Chapter 4 together as a group.

Throughout this Lenten series, we have studied prophecies in the Old Testament that point to who Jesus is as the Messiah. While the book of Ruth is not a book of prophecy, it does hold the powerful image of who Jesus is as a kinsman-redeemer. This weekend, Pastor Rick taught us that the kinsman-redeemer:

- ▶ had to be a close blood relative
- ▶ had to step in and accept the bride as his own
- ▶ had to be willing to share his inheritance with all his children.

Just as Boaz redeemed Ruth and Naomi, Jesus has redeemed us:

- ▶ by taking on our flesh and blood
- ▶ choosing us as his bride
- ▶ inviting us to be co-heirs with him.

As Pastor Rick said, our response to this should be to admit our need for a redeemer and then live to make Jesus famous. Rather than working to make much of ourselves, we live our lives to make much of Jesus.

- ▶ As you think about Jesus being our kinsman-redeemer, which aspect of that image holds the most significance for you?
- ▶ What would it mean for you to make much of Jesus in your day-to-day life? What would need to change to make that happen? What is at stake if you don't take those steps?
- ▶ Who can you share this idea with this week? What brought that person to mind?