



Welcome to Week Five of REDEEMER

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Questions for Reflection or Discussion:

1. Boaz asked Ruth to wait until morning; Naomi asked Ruth to wait until Boaz settled the matter. In what area(s) of life are you waiting right now? What will it take for you to rest in God's sovereign plan while you wait? And how might others assist you in the process?

In **Psalm 38:15**, David wrote with confidence, "I wait for you, O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God." If you believe God has kept you in His waiting room for some good purpose, what benefits are you already seeing unfold while you wait?

2. By not addressing the other kinsman-redeemer by name, what did Boaz communicate to him? to the ten elders? to all the citizens of Bethlehem within earshot? Why was it important that they see Mr. No-Name for who he was...and who he was not?

Since the word *name* can also refer to one's reputation, what else might this man's lack of a name tell us about him? **Proverbs 22:1** declares, "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." Since a good name is not easily obtained and can be quickly lost, what steps are you taking to protect your good name? And how might that honor the Lord?

3. Our story ends with Naomi holding the future in her arms. Consider all the ways Boaz redeemed Ruth through marriage, and Obed redeemed Naomi just by being born.

Now think of all the ways Jesus has redeemed us, as we read in **Ephesians 1:7**: "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." How has the study of Ruth, and of Boaz's role in particular, expanded your gratitude and love for your Redeemer?