

## Week 2 – Ruth C.1 – ‘Hesed’ Challenges our Prejudice

*This series is about God’s heart for us and the outworking of that for us and other people. Using the book of Ruth as our guide, we will apply and be formed by the truths and walk out our transformation in Jesus together.*

- **Preparation Tips**

- Your local site will continue this series on the second Sunday in October working through chapter one of the book of Ruth. This will set you up well for connect group conversation.
- Read through Ruth, Chapter one.
- Watch the connect resource video before and think through the questions to be prepared to guide others on the night.

*For further background on the book of Ruth, see “Ruth – Poverty and Plenty” by Tim Chester.*

- **Before playing the video:** Have someone read through Ruth C.1

- **Play Video – Part 2/5**

- **Connect Group Questions**

1. What stands out to you from the opening of the book of Ruth? What stood out to you from what your site shared on Sunday or what was shared in the video and is there anything you would add?
2. What do you think most influences your bias or prejudice toward others?
3. Have you ever had a moment where you had a bias toward someone or a people group by what you had heard or been told, but then got to know them and realised you were wrong?
4. It is easy to learn from people we like or are similar to, but have you ever been challenged by the kindness of those who are different from you, or those you don’t like? Why is it harder to learn from them?
5. Why is it important to learn from those who are different to us as we are formed into the ‘hesed’ of God?
6. Ruth’s ‘hesed’ is demonstrated through unthinkable commitment and loyalty. Where are there opportunities to display moments of ‘hesed’ like this today?
7. How are we at welcoming back “prodigals” in our church and lives?
8. What might the cost of living out ‘hesed’ be to you? Does the cost ever stop you or change how you might live it out?

**Prayer and share:** Think through your own formation as a follower of Jesus: ask the Holy Spirit to show you this coming week/month, where He can grow ‘hesed’ in you.

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