

Week 3 – Ruth C.2 – ‘Hesed’ Welcomes the Nations to the Table

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 third Sunday in October working through chapter two of the book of Ruth. This will set you up well for connect group conversation.
- Read through Ruth, Chapter two.
- 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.2

- **Play Video – Part 3/5**

- **Connect Group Questions**

1. What stands out to you from the second chapter of the book of Ruth? What stood out to you from what your site shared on Sunday or was shared in the video and is there anything you would add?
2. Read Leviticus 19:9-10. God has always had a heart for the poor, the foreigner the oppressed and those on the margins of society. Who is someone you have seen lives their life “going to the margins”?
3. What is the greatest “need” you see in your day-to-day life for the people you spend time with?
4. How are we at recognizing the needs around us? What stops us recognizing the needs of the people around us?
5. What are practical ways in which we can help people find a home and an identity again? (Then, possibly think through ways that your local site are already support organisations or people and how can we join them)?
6. How can we avoid falling into the trap of “doing what we are expected to do” when it comes to giving, generosity and a ‘hesed’ lifestyle rather than a heart for going above and beyond in our radical kindness toward others?

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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