

Week 4 – Ruth C.3 – ‘Hesed’ Redeems our past, embraces our now and blesses the future

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 three.
- 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.3
- **Play Video – Part 4/5**
- **Connect Group Questions**

1. What stands out to you from chapter three of the book of Ruth? What stood out to you from what your site shared on Sunday or what Alister shared in the video and is there anything you would add?

Ruth is willing to put her life and reputation at risk to ensure security and safety – this reminds us of the choices and painful decisions people around the world, and next door to us, have to make every day to seek security and safety.

2. Where do you see this happening today?
3. How are these people treated? How can we, as the church, treat them?
4. Think about the passage in John 1:12 –what power does a child of God have?
5. Are you aware of the power you have every day? How comfortable are you with the idea of possessing power?
6. How have you seen power used?
7. How do your hidden moments form your ability to act in public moments of “power”?
8. How does the concept of being formed in the hidden moments differ from a social media culture that is all about the external. What difference could focusing on our hidden lives have for us?

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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