

## **Week 5 – Ruth C.4 – 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 fifth Sunday in October working through chapter four of the book of Ruth. This will set you up well for connect group conversation.
- Read through Ruth, Chapter four.
- 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.4

- **Play Video – Part 5/5**

- **Connect Group Questions**

1. *What stands out to you from chapter four 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. *By failing to show ‘Hesed’ to those people considered outsiders, what do we miss out on?*
3. *How do we become aware of our own prejudices?*
4. *Describe the sort of space do we need to create to allow each other to be aware of our prejudices but also bring them into the light and allow the Holy Spirit to change us?*
5. *Read Matthew 1:3-6. Those who were seen as “outside” God’s plan and people teach those very same people about His heart – what can we learn from this and how can we grow in awareness of who God is from this?*
6. *Ruth’s past is redeemed, from Moabitess to Boaz’s wife. Her present is redeemed – from not being allowed into the assembly to being one of them. Her future is redeemed, Obed leads to King David and Jesus. Do you know that your own past, present and future is redeemed. What do you think is evidence of someone, today, living a redeemed life?*
7. *This is the series coming to an end – what’s your hearts for us as a church as we reflect on Ruth and Boaz and God’s ‘Hesed’?*

**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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