



# RESTORATION

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**SUNDAY 16 November 2025**

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## GETTING STARTED

The book of Ruth is a short but powerful story set “in the days when the judges ruled”—a time marked by spiritual confusion, brokenness, and despair. Yet in the middle of this darkness, God is quietly working through ordinary people and everyday decisions to bring about restoration. The book shows that God brings restoration from bitterness, barrenness, poverty, and despair—and He often does it through unexpected people.

Ruth, a Moabite outsider, becomes the great-grandmother of King David and part of the family line of Jesus.

- What part of Naomi or Ruth’s situation do you relate to most—loss, uncertainty, or starting over?
- How have you seen God in the midst of this?

# INTO THE WORD

At the heart of Ruth is the Hebrew concept of a kinsman-redeemer—a family protector who restores what has been lost. Boaz steps into this role for Ruth and Naomi, redeeming their family line and securing their future. This physical redemption foreshadows the spiritual redemption Jesus offers to all people (**1 Peter 1:18–19**).

Ruth's simple, faithful actions—gleaning in the fields, obeying Naomi, approaching Boaz—set in motion God's plan for restoration. The message is clear: God can restore even the most broken parts of our story.

- What does Ruth teach us about obedience and trust, even when life is uncertain?
- How does Boaz reflect Jesus, our true Redeemer, and what is our call to partner with Jesus in his mission of restoration?

## GOING DEEPER

Ruth calls us to trust God in seasons of loss, to obey even when we don't see the outcome, and to believe that He is a restorer. Restoration doesn't always happen quickly, but when God moves, He brings beauty from ashes and purpose from pain.

Like Naomi, we may find ourselves returning to God feeling empty—but He meets us with abundance. Like Ruth, we may start as outsiders—but God brings us into His family. Through Jesus, our Redeemer, we receive restoration, identity, and a new future.

- What part of your life needs restoration right now?
- How can you practice the humble obedience we see in Ruth?

## PRAY TOGETHER