



TRUE HOPE

GROUPS &  
MENTORING

“NO ONE FINDS THEIR WAY BACK TO GOD ALONE”

Groups and Mentoring aren't about giving polished 'right answers.' They're about sharing real answers. This isn't a place to tell others how good you are at following Jesus, but where you are falling short. We want to create an environment of trust and vulnerability, where we can be honest about our struggles, knowing we are all broken and all equally in need of Jesus. What is shared in your group or mentoring relationship should stay there, so everyone can feel safe to be real.

**1. Look at upcoming events together** *(Are there any that your group would want to attend together?)*

**2. Begin in Prayer** *(Pray that God would speak to you through His Word)*

**3. Read the text together** *(Pay attention to how God is at work)*

#### **RUTH 4:1-12**

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, “Turn aside, friend; sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down. 3 Then he said to the redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. 4 So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you[a] will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.” 5 Then Boaz said, “The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth[b] the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.” 6 Then the redeemer said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. 8 So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal. 9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. 10 Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.” 11 Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, 12 and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman.”

**4. GROUP DISCUSSION** *(Feel free to answer as many or as few as you see fit.)*

1. What stands out to you from this text?
2. Are there any Christmas traditions that you practice or have seen that really make much of Jesus' incarnation?
3. How have you seen God at work in the story of Ruth and Naomi so far? How do some of these themes parallel your life?
4. The three things that Jesus must be if he is to redeem all of humanity are He must be eligible, capable and willing. He was eligible because He was fully human, He was capable because he was fully God, and He was willing because of his great love for us.

Of these three, which most often comes to your mind when you think of Jesus? Why?

Of these three, which least often comes to your mind when you think of Jesus? Why?

5. If you were to live your life in light of these three truths, how might your life change?
6. How could you remind yourself of these truths this week?

**5. PRACTICE**

- As a group, spend some time asking God to help you store up in your hearts the magic and mystery that is the birth of Jesus. Oh come let us adore Him!