**GOD TURNED NAOMI’S BITTERNESS INTO JOY**

Ruth 4:1-22

Key Verse 4:14 “The women said to Naomi: ‘Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!’”

1. Why did Boaz convene a meeting of the town elders and the guardian-redeemer? What was the relative’s initial reply? (1-4)

2. What additional obligation did Boaz mention to the guardian-redeemer? (5; cf. Deuteronomy 25:5-10) Why did he refuse to redeem the property? How might the act of redemption endanger his own estate?

3. In what way does Boaz’s redemptive act remind us of God’s grace? In what sense was Boaz a foreshadow of Jesus Christ? (Isaiah 54:5, Romans 3:23-24)

4. What blessing did the town elders give to Boaz and Ruth? (11-12) How did God turn Naomi’s bitterness into joy through Boaz and Ruth? (13-17)

5. What impact did Ruth’s faith and Boaz’s redemptive love have on Israel’s history? (18-22)