

Reaching the Lost

A study of the Book of Ruth

Lk 9:61 bid farewell at house, hand to plow look back

I. Chapter One: Relationships

- A. A Fallen world
Judges. what was right in their own eyes, Judges 21:25
- B. Elimelech, Naomi, Mahlon, Chilion, Orpah, Ruth
Travel to Moab (Molech), death follows
1:20 Mara the bitterness
- C. Time to return home Ruth loves Naomi
1:16-17 “Entreat me not to leave you, *Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.* 17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, If *anything but* death parts you and me.”
 - 1. The power of relationships
Eccl. 4:9-10 Two are better than one, fall get up, cold
Paul: Barnabas, Timothy, Mark, Luke (Heb. 10:24-25)
 - 2. Our need to be loved and noticed
John 4 Woman at well, John 8 Woman in adultery
 - 3. God working through us
Mark 16:15 preach gospel to every creature

II. Chapter Two: Requirement (Hard Work)

- A. Ruth made herself uncomfortable
She worked in the field of a man she did not know (great danger). But God (and his people) took care of her
Ruth 2:12 The Lord reward you for all of your hard work
- B. Christianity is a life filled with hard work
Satan and the world are after us
1 Cor. 15:33, 1 Peter 5:8, Luke 22:31
Greatest battle with with ourselves
Rom. 12:1, Luke 9:23, 2 Cor. 5:17
- C. We must be upfront with those seeking Christ
Mt 13:44 treasure, Mt 13:45-46 Pearl
Luke 9:23, Lk 9:57 Lord, I'll follow: birds nest, foxes
Luke 9:59 Let dead bury own dead

III. Chapter Three: Redemption

- A. Ruth seeks Boaz
He has worked all day and is resting
She comes to him, does not take advantage
- B. 3:8 Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative (kinsman redeemer (GOEL))
Redeemer: Jesus buys us, rescues us from the world
Eph. 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, forgiveness of sins
1 Pet. 1:18-20 Redeemed not with gold or silver, precious blood
- C. What saves us? Not sincerity: Saul of Tarsus
Not goodness: Corneius
Not religion: Apollos
Jesus Christ, plan of salvation

IV. Chapter Four: Reward

- A. The deal
Will you buy land? Yes. Will you take the wife? No
What will people give you? Convenience.
What will God give you? Romans 5:8, Luke 19:10

Boaz gave her his inheritance and her life back
Went from poverty to immense wealth
blessings we have in Christ, Eph. 1:4
Job 42:12 God blessed later days more than beginning

The genealogy Obed is the grandfather of David
God is working through you to accomplish his plan
Gen. 50:20, Esther 4:14 but you must receive it.
Imagine the impact of person you convert