

THE FAMILY REDEEMER

CENTRAL TRUTH

Scripture is full of the stories of people whose lives could have been very different, but God stepped in! This week we are going to look at the redemption of Ruth and Naomi, and how **the Lord is kind and works through unlikely, undeserving people.**

KEY QUESTION

 **Knowing that God's kindness leads Him to use unlikely people, how do you make yourself available to be used by Him?**

Knowing that God uses unlikely people should lead us to humble obedience. God's greatness and willingness to work through us should lead us to a proper view of both God and ourselves. And when we see opportunities for the Lord to work through us, we ought to trust Him and obey. Thankfully, God's Spirit is with us and He will reveal opportunities for us to participate in His work in the world.

KEEP IN MIND

- | The idea of a "family redeemer" is foreign to most of us in our culture today. However, this practice in the ancient world was a form of provision and protection for the vulnerable within society. Use the History Note in this week's session to unpack what a family redeemer is for students.
- | We are undeserving of God's grace; therefore, God's kindness toward us should lead us to be humble. However, humble is not thinking less of ourselves or thinking of ourselves poorly. True humility is having a proper view of God—and in light of who God is, we view ourselves correctly. We can encourage students to be humble without encouraging the need to have a poor evaluation of self.

APPLICATION

- | **How can we faithfully "wait" when redemption seems far off?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: No matter our background, or what we have done, we can experience God's kindness through Jesus and can be adopted into God's family.

FOR THE LEADER: Highlight that Ruth is in the lineage of King David and Jesus! Help students to see that God uses all sorts of people to achieve His purposes in the world. Encourage them to look for ways to participate in God's mission this week.

7 ARROWS

-  What does this passage say?
-  What does this passage tell us about God?
-  What did this passage mean to its original audience?
-  How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
-  What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
-  How does this passage prompt me to pray?
-  What does this passage demand of me?