



TALK IT OVER

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

Discuss:

1. How does the concept of "hesed" (steadfast love) manifest throughout the story, particularly in the actions of Ruth and Boaz?
2. How does the setting of the story within the historical context of the time period covered by the Book of Judges enhance our understanding of the events and characters in the Book of Ruth?
3. Analyze the importance of the genealogy at the end of the book in linking Ruth and Boaz to King David and, ultimately, to Jesus Christ.
4. In what ways can modern-day relationships benefit from the example of relational commitment and fidelity demonstrated in the Book of Ruth?
5. Reflect on a relationship in your life that may need revitalization or renewed commitment. How can you apply the principles of "hesed" to strengthen this relationship?
6. Consider the balance between maintaining relational commitments and recognizing when a relationship needs to end. How can you discern the difference in your own life?
7. Reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding your relational decisions. How can you seek and discern the Spirit's counsel in navigating challenging relationships?

