



- The Bigger Plan -

Ice-Breaker:

When you were growing up, did you have a plan for what you would do when you became an adult? What did you want to do for a job? Did you want to go to college somewhere? Were you planning on starting a family?

How did that plan work out? Did it go exactly as you envisioned?

Look at the rules found in Leviticus and Deuteronomy regarding a kinsman-redeemer. They serve two purposes:

1. To keep God's promised land intact
2. To keep a family line going

Discussion Questions:

Read Leviticus 25:25-28; 47-50, Deuteronomy 25:5, and Ruth 2:1; 20.

1. Do Ruth or Naomi fall into these categories? Why or why not?
2. The writer of Ruth was trying to show the heart of the law, not the actual rule of the law. Why is this an important distinction? Are there
3. Read Deuteronomy 23:3-5. How does that passage make Boaz's treatment of Ruth more significant?
4. If we consider Boaz a Christ-like figure, what interactions with Ruth would help create that mental picture?
5. A kinsman-redeemer is someone who was intended to restore a family, to make them whole. Read Romans 5:6-11. How is this idea of a kinsman-redeemer fulfilled eternally in Christ?
6. What are the parallels between us and Ruth when we look at the bigger picture?

Application:

7. When we begin to look at God's bigger picture, we can find more rest in difficult circumstances, and more contentment in blessings knowing that He will be glorified in the end. This week, regardless of your circumstances, take some time to thank God for his plan, and ask for your eyes to be opened for the opportunities he gives to us. Be a Boaz for someone in a dark place today, or a Ruth in how you approach others.