

**Deane Parish Church Home Groups
w/b Sunday 12th March 2017**

Ruth 4 – The Best is Yet to Come

What have you enjoyed about looking at the book of Ruth together?
What do you think have been the big themes in the story so far?

What was the cliff hanger from the end of the previous chapter?

Read Ruth 4

How would you describe Boaz's behaviour at the town gate?
What does Boaz stand to gain and lose from his actions?

The words redeem, or redeemer occurs frequently throughout the book.
Why is redemption such a powerful word for believers?
In what ways does Ruth's experience match our own?

Think about Naomi. What kind of journey does she go on through the book? Look at how she describes herself in 1:11-13, 20-21 and compare it with 4:16-18. Can we empathise in any way as Christians?

In one sense the story about Ruth ends at verse 17 with the birth of her son. But instead we're told 'what happens next' for future generations. What does this add to our enjoyment of the book?

In this Old Testament book, there are no prophets, no priests, no sacrifices, nor any scenes in a religious setting. So where do we see God at work? Do you think he works in the same way today?

What one big thing will you take from the book of Ruth?

Response

Throughout the book we see God's kindness, faithfulness and sovereign control over all events.

- Give thanks to God for when you have experienced his kindness, faithfulness and control in your own life.
- Pray for those who are struggling to see God's kindness etc. in their lives at the moment.