

Loyal love of God and his people — Ruth 4

Discussion Guide, 16 August 2020

Big idea¹: God loves you and cares for you, and he [most often] demonstrates this through his people.

Big idea²: As we experience and demonstrate God's love, we are brought into a wondrous, cosmic drama of redemption.

- (1) Have you ever had a moment like Clint (Mr. Bodien) or Ruth (Mrs. Boaz)? For age (like Clint) or Ruth (when you finally “arrived”)?

- (2) Have you ever had a moment as a believer where you realized you were a part of God's larger redemption story? Where you just knew you were a part of something way bigger than you and God was clearly in it?

- (3) Discuss your understanding and experience of God's love. Do you believe God loves you? Do you feel loved by God?

- (4) What does courageous love look like in your own life? What could it look like for our church?

- (5) What does courageous prayer look like in your own life? What could it look like for our church?

- (6) How do you think our church could or should “do the book of Ruth” in today's day and age? What do we need to do about it?