

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Redeeming Love: Negotiating With the Nameless

Passage: Ruth 4:1–12

1. Read **Ruth 4:1**. What significance (if any) does the kinsman-redeemer's anonymity have in this account? What significance do certain, now-long-forgotten names have in the overall storyline of Scripture? Consult, for example, **1 Chronicles 1**. How does a list of names (or, here, the mention of an unnamed individual) remind us that God's hidden, yet providential hand directs all events at all times?

2. Read **Ruth 4:2–5**. How did Boaz's negotiations with the kinsman-redeemer reveal that he had a character which was marked by "excellence" (**Ruth 2:1**)? As you consider Boaz's example, can you think of relationships and dealings in your life in which you need to be more diligent in your pursuit of godly character?

3. Read **Ruth 4:7–8**. How does the "custom" revealed in this passage point to the fact that the Bible is a historical document, which accurately records events which took place at a specific time, place, and context? How do the historical and cultural nuances of the Bible motivate you to be a better student of Scripture?

4. Read **Ruth 4:11–12**. What do the references to Rachel, Leah, Perez, Tamar, and Judah have to do with this account? Consult **Genesis 29:21–30:24**; **Genesis 38**. How do these references back to the era of the patriarchs affirm the unity of Scripture?