



Sermon Discussion Guide

From Empty to Full - Tim Knipp
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Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion.*
- What's your favorite Christmas movie and why?
- What are some of your favorite bible stories that involve women in a prominent role?

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture, and discuss a few questions to understand **what the text is saying**.*
- **Read Ruth 4 out loud together as a group.**
- What is a Guardian Redeemer? Why does Boaz meet with Elimelek to discuss Naomi and Ruth's situation? Why is there selling of land involved?
- Why do you think Elimelek says no to Boaz's offer after hearing that Ruth is a part of the equation?
- In regards to the "Big Story of the Bible" where does the book of Ruth fit in and what is its significance? Is this surprising to you? What does it say about God's character and ways of working in our world?

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
- How have you seen relationships of Hesed change a person's story that you know?
- What areas of our society need a change in the story? Do you think that relationships of Hesed can change that narrative? How do we accomplish this in our practices?



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Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- Read Ruth chapter 4 this week and then pray and reflect on what you have read. Ask God to show you people in your life that could possibly be a Ruth or Naomi in need of a Guardian Redeemer.
- How has God's Hesed towards you changed your life? Is your story in need of God's Hesed?

Time of Prayer