

Theme: Through the intertwined stories of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz, the Book of Ruth reveals how redeeming love—both human and divine—transforms devastating loss into unexpected hope, foreshadowing the ultimate redemption found in Christ..

## **I. Through the Bitter Valley**

- A. Theme: When suffering comes into our lives, it is hard to see God’s purposes clearly, but He will bring us through the bitter valley to restore our hope.
- B. Text: Ruth 1
- C. Response: Communion/I Will Follow
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Sorrow; suffering; grieving; providence; sovereignty of God; hope; biblical characters

## **II. A Glimmer of Hope**

- A. Theme: God creates a glimmer of hope for Naomi and Ruth through three means: His providential orchestration, Ruth's diligent work, and Boaz's redemptive kindness.
- B. Text: Ruth 2
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Hope; providence; sovereignty of God; biblical characters; sorrow; suffering; grieving

## **III. Restoration Through A Kinsman-Redeemer**

- A. Theme: In his willingness to serve as a kinsman-redeemer, Boaz points forward to our true Kinsman-Redeemer, Jesus, who redeems, frees, protects, and defends His people.
- B. Text: Ruth 3
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 20:1-5
- E. Teaching keywords: Kinsman-Redeemer; redemption; Christology; hope; biblical characters; character

## **IV. Redeemed By Love**

- A. Theme: The book of Ruth concludes with a beautiful picture of redemption through love, as Boaz and Ruth are united in marriage, Naomi's emptiness is filled with an heir, and God's greater plan unfolds through the lineage that leads to David—and ultimately to Jesus.
- B. Text: Ruth 4
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Redemption; kinsman-redeemer; biblical characters