

# FCC SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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**DATE:** November 13th, 2022

**TITLE:** Ordinary People, Extraordinary God

**SCRIPTURE:** Ruth 4:13-22

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Stu

**ICE BREAKER:** How far back can you track *your* genealogy?

## OPENING PRAYER

## THINK BACK:

Referring back to this week's sermon... What is the BIG IDEA of the Scripture AS IT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK? What is one thing that left you with questions?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's been your favorite part of the story of Ruth? Why?
- Why do you think God wanted to include a Gentile woman (Ruth was a Moabitess) in the lineage of the Jewish Messiah?
- What ordinary routines of your life seem insignificant? How does God's involvement with Ruth impact what we regard as insignificant or significant?
- How do the death and resurrection of Jesus inform our understanding of the plans and methods of our extraordinary God?

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Isaiah 55:8
- Matthew 28:19
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-28
- Ruth 4:18 -> Matthew 1:3-6
- Luke 3:23-38

## APPLICATION

Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion.

Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life?

What does God want you to know or do?

What's one thing from this text that you could say to an unbeliever about who God is?

## PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text. Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

## SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

## REMINDERS

- Ask about ideas to serve in some way together. Serve 1x every six weeks or so.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!! One way to reach 'out' together is to welcome people 'in.'
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.
- Check the bulletin and monthly newsletter for special announcements and events.
- **Operation Christmas Child!** There are multiple ways to help this year. Fill a box or donate supplies by Nov. 21st. Scan the code for our Amazon wishlist!

