

FCC SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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TITLE: Ordinary People, Extraordinary God

SCRIPTURE: Ruth 3:1-4:12

SPEAKER: Dr. Stu

ICE BREAKER: What is your favorite "redemption" story? Mine is Jean Valjean's story in Les Mis.

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 questions do you have about the social/legal customs that we read about in Ruth 3-4:12?
- How do you feel about the truth that we may not experience the rescue we seek now, but may have to wait until Jesus comes again?
- Someone has said, "We measure God's compassion by the cross and his power by the resurrection." How does that Gospel truth influence the way we navigate difficult circumstances?
- What spiritual practices keep you focused on the promised life to come?
- How does the hope of heaven help you live every day life today?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Colossians 1:13,14
- Ephesians 1:13,14
- John 14:1-3
- Hebrews 11:36-40
- Hebrews 12:1-3
- Romans 8:24, 25
- 1 Peter 1:13

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!

