

Taking Gathered Worship Home

Any good rescue story needs to start out in a hopeless darkness. We can see no hope of deliverance, no way of escape. That is what makes the eventual redemption so wonderful. We will spend the next several months studying the book of *Ruth* in the Hebrew Scriptures and as we find Naomi's family in the opening verses, they are in dire need of rescue.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Ruth 1:1-5; Genesis 17:7-8; Deuteronomy 12:5-9; Second Chronicles 7:12-16; Second Corinthians 6:14-18; Nehemiah 13:26-27; Malachi 2:10-12; Luke 1:39-56.** DISCUSS How does Naomi get to rock bottom? Have you ever been there? Do you recognize your destitution apart from Christ? How are you (we) looking to something other than Christ for our good? MEDITATE on **John 14:15-17.** PRAY "Jesus, thank You for bringing us to the end of ourselves so that we might see You as all we need. Enable us to delight in You and obey You by faith in Your righteousness for our sake."

Sunday Evening

The *Young Adults' Fellowship* will meet at **6pm** in the FCCW Library.

Monday

READ **Ruth 1:1-5; Genesis 17:7-8; Deuteronomy 12:5-9; Second Corinthians 6:14-18.** DISCUSS How is God's promise in Genesis continued in Deuteronomy? What does our love for God have to do with who we marry? SERVE by putting someone else's interests *above your own!* MEDITATE on **John 14:15-17.** PRAY, "Father, make us more like Christ in faithful devotion to You. Enable us to love You with fidelity."

Tuesday

READ **Ruth 1:1-5; Genesis 17:7-8; Malachi 2:10-12; Luke 1:39-56.** DISCUSS How do God's promises come true in Christ? Why do Mary and Elizabeth rejoice in Luke? SERVE by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* MEDITATE on **John 14:15-17.** PRAY, "Lord God, thank You for entering into covenant with us. Thank You for Your promise to be our God and take us as Your people. Enable us to live as becomes Your holy sons and daughters in Christ."

Wednesday

READ **Ruth 1:1-5; Genesis 17:7-8; Nehemiah 13:26-27**. DISCUSS How did being unequally yoked inhibit Solomon? How do you need to repent from similar faithlessness? SERVE by *caring about someone else* more than yourself! MEDITATE on **John 14:15-17**. PRAY, “Lord, forgive us our sins for they are heinous.”

Thursday

READ **Ruth 1:1-5; Genesis 17:7-8; Second Chronicles 7:12-16; First Corinthians 7:39**. DISCUSS Why is marrying “only in the Lord” such an important command? How does Christ’s forgiveness embolden us to confess our sin? SERVE by putting someone else’s interests *above your own*! MEDITATE on **John 14:15-17**. PRAY, “Lord, You give us all that we have. You are forever kind and gracious to Your people. Please receive our humble gratitude and forgive us our presumption.”

Friday

READ **Ruth 1:1-5; Genesis 17:7-8; Deuteronomy 12:5-9; Second Chronicles 7:12-16; Second Corinthians 6:14-18; Nehemiah 13:26-27; Malachi 2:10-12; Luke 1:39-56**. DISCUSS, What has the Holy Spirit been teaching you this week through these passages? MEDITATE on **John 14:15-17**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *truly delight in God’s goodness together*.

Saturday

PREPARE for *gathered worship tomorrow*. READ **Ruth 1:1-22**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the *worship service @ 10:30*. Ask Jesus to *help us adore Him through obedience as we gather*.

John 14:15-17

[Jesus said] “If you *love* me, you will *keep my commandments*. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”