

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

The sin of self-centeredness pits us against God. Jesus came to deliver us from ourselves and the death in which we are trapped. Boaz and an unnamed relative help us to see the self-destructiveness of our sin.

*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 4:1-6; Matthew 22:29-33; Acts 5:1-11; Genesis 2:16; 4:26; 11:4; Leviticus 25:8-55; Jeremiah 32:6-15; Romans 8:31-39.** DISCUSS What is the significance of deeds in the Promised Land? Why is Elimilech's relative dishonored with anonymity? What does it mean to be eternally forgotten? How does God remember those in Messiah? MEDITATE on **Romans 8:38-39.** PRAY "Jesus, thank You for *establishing Your name forever by giving Yourself up for Your Beloved.* Enable us to find our eternal and only security in You."

## Sunday Evening

**Young Adult Fellowship** meets tonight @ 6pm in the church library.

## Monday

READ **Ruth 4:1-6; Matthew 22:29-33; First Peter 1:1-5.** DISCUSS How does Christ's resurrection from the dead establish our security forever? How are you (we) tempted to find security in other things? MEDITATE on **Romans 8:38-39.** PRAY, "Father, forgive us for our selfishness. Pry our fingers from the idols to which we continue to cling."

## Tuesday

READ **Ruth 4:1-6; Acts 5:1-11; Leviticus 25:8-55.** DISCUSS What is the relationship of the Promised Land ownership and our place among God's people? How did God sending His people to the nations change that? We are now the temple of the Holy Spirit. How are you exhibiting that reality? MEDITATE on **Romans 8:38-39.** PRAY, "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, You are the God of the living. All those who are in You, Lord Christ, will awaken to Your call and be with You forever."

### Wednesday

READ **Ruth 4:1-6; Genesis 2:16; 4:26; 11:4; First Thessalonians 4:13-18**. DISCUSS How are the two lines of humanity reflected here in Ruth? How does selfishness lead to death? What is the only cure? MEDITATE on **Romans 8:38-39**. PRAY, “Lord, You have called us to praise Your name for all eternity, but on our own we want to praise ourselves. Teach us to honor You with all our lives.”

### Thursday

READ **Ruth 4:1-6; Jeremiah 32:6-15; Romans 8:31-39**. DISCUSS What was the role of the land in exhibiting hope in Jeremiah? How is this hope expressed here in Romans? How are you trusting Christ today? SERVE by putting someone else’s interests *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Romans 8:38-39**. PRAY, “Father God, please bless our families with faithfulness. Teach us to walk in Your ways and to keep one another accountable.”

### Friday

READ **Ruth 4:1-6; Matthew 22:29-33; Acts 5:1-11; Genesis 2:16; 4:26; 11:4; Leviticus 25:8-55; Jeremiah 32:6-15; Romans 8:31-39**. DISCUSS What has the Holy Spirit been teaching you this week through these passages? MEDITATE on **Romans 8:38-39**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *trust Christ together*.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for *gathered Sunday worship tomorrow*. READ **Ruth 4:1-22**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for *worship services @ 10:30*. Ask Jesus to *help us walk by faith in Christ’s commands for us*.

## Romans 8:38-39

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”