

RUTH

An Ode to Responsibility

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Debrief Plan: 2/6/2022

Whatever It Takes

Ruth 3:10-13, 4:1-10

Introduction: How should you respond to being “nudged” to take responsibility?

How to Answer the Call to Responsibility:

- ❑ Make the _____ – “this is MY _____.” (3:10-13)

- ❑ Take _____. (4:1-10)
 - Take the _____.

 - Push through the _____.

 - Pay the _____.

- ❑ Embrace the proper _____. (4:9-10).
 - There are important _____ at stake!

 - Someone who I _____ about needs my _____!

Conclusion: Boaz had a famous descendant who answered the call to responsibility as Boaz once did and in the process, saved us all!

Icebreakers:

1. Who is the messiest person that you’ve ever known? Was it an endearing quality or an irritating one?
2. Where are you on the “messiness” scale? On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable are you with a mess or with messy people (1 is extremely uncomfortable and 10 is totally comfortable)? Why do you suppose you are like that?

Sermon Summary: The call to responsibility demands that we “own” the mess in front of us and get to work cleaning it up, making sure we’re doing it for the right reasons. Boaz did this faithfully, as did his famous descendant Jesus, as an example for us to follow today.

Discussion Questions:

* Make the Decision.

1. How much of your life experience has been “fair”? Why are we obsessed with fairness as humans? Does it do us any good?
2. What happens to a marriage when one (or both) of the people in the relationship refuse to embrace the messes that are attached to the marriage?
3. We tend to ignore messes in our lives for as long as possible. Why is that?

* Take Action.

4. Is it important to take action to deal with a mess right away? Why not spend a lot of time planning before trying something?
5. How has God helped you built perseverance into your life (your family, your marriage, your career, your church involvement, etc.)? Share helpful tips!

* Embrace the Proper Motivations.

6. Do your motivations really matter, as long as you’re trying to clean up a mess? If so, why? If not, why not?
7. Sometimes we try to clean up a mess because of important “big picture” ideas or principles. What are some of those principles worth defending?
8. How can we keep the individual people that we care about front and center in our minds when we wade into the middle of a giant mess on their behalf?
9. In many ways, Jesus followed in his ancestor Boaz’s footsteps. Look back over the steps Boaz took – is there any indication in Scripture that Jesus took any of those same steps in his mission to earth?
10. What do Hebrews 10:5-7 and Hebrews 12:2 tell us about Jesus’s motivations for getting involved in our mess?