

## **A Redemption Story**

### *Plot Twist*

#### Discussion Questions

- **Ice Breaker:** What is your favorite story (book, movie, etc) with a plot twist? (Don't give away the plot twist, just share your favorite!)
- Who are the three main characters of the book of Ruth? What are their nicknames given in this sermon?
- **Read Ruth 1:1.** What is the setting of the book of Ruth? What does "in the days when the judges ruled" tell us about the situation in Israel? Was it good or bad?
- **Read Ruth 1:16-17.** Summarize what Ruth is saying to Naomi in this passage. What does this passage help us to understand about being a part of a community of faith?
- **Read Ruth 2:3-13.** Describe Boaz's interaction with Ruth. How does he show care for her?
- **Read Ruth 3:9.** What is a "redeemer" (also known as a "family redeemer" or "kinsman redeemer")? Why is this information about Boaz significant?
- **Read Ruth 4:9-12.** Describe what happens in this passage.
- **Read Ruth 4:14-17.** What is significant about Ruth's child? How does this fact turn the story?
- How does the book of Ruth ultimately point us to Jesus?
- End in prayer. Think about current struggles and tragedies in your own life today. Ask that God would help you to see Jesus and trust in his redemptive power in the midst of these circumstances.