




TLC Life Groups

Growing Together

Ruth Series #4

- **WELCOME** (Icebreaker) 15 min.

 **Life Group Leader** – *select the best icebreaker for your group.*

1. What are some of the unwritten social rules in your family?
2. Why do you think people are embarrassed by faux pas (social blunders)?
3. How do you deal with a bad situation?

- **WORSHIP AND WAITING ON GOD** (*Upreach*) 35 min.

Have someone in your group prepare to lead in worship. Before worship begins pray over the leader and invite the Holy Spirit to use them.


Ministry

Allow time for and encourage each Life Group member to edify others with the spiritual gifts that God has given to them. Pray for each other and allow the Spirit to minister through His people.

Is there a prophetic word? (A word of exhortation, edification, comfort) Is there a word of tongues and an interpretation? Does someone need special prayer? Etc.

- **WORD** (*Inreach*) 30 min.

Keeping Integrity (Ruth 4:1-22)

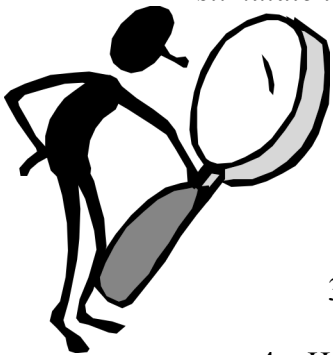
 **Life Group Leader** – *It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your cell group. Try to keep your discussion to 30 minutes or less. Spend most of your time making personal application of the Word.*

Explore It

1. What is the central event in this chapter? (4:1-12)
2. What strategy did Boaz use with the kinsman-redeemer, and what effect did it have? (4:4-7)
3. Why was it important for this transaction to take place at the town gate? (4:9-10)
4. How is the elders' blessing on Boaz and Ruth's marriage significant in light of the rest of the chapter? (4:11-12)
5. What extra blessing did the Lord give to Ruth? (4:13)
6. Why did the women of Bethlehem say Ruth was "better . . . than seven sons" to Naomi? (4:15)
7. What does the genealogy at the end of the chapter add to the story? (4:17-22)

Apply It

1. What character traits did Boaz and Ruth display?



2. What have you learned from this passage that could help you improve your relationship with a good friend or family member?
 3. What lessons can we learn from Boaz about dealing with people?
 4. When have you seen someone stand up for what is right? How did that person's example affect you?
 5. For what reasons do people compromise their integrity?
 6. In what circumstances is it difficult for you to do what is right?
 7. How can I be faithful to do what is right and trust God with the outcome?
 8. How can we teach our disciples the importance of integrity?
- **WORK** (Share The Vision) (*Outreach*) 10 min.
 - Pray together and ask God to show you some people who would benefit from you discipling them. What steps will you take to begin the process of discipling a few people?
 - Plan a Life Group outreach. If you are already working toward an outreach, then take time to pray and prepare.

 - Recite the Life Group vision and strategy:
 - The Vision:** "Multiplication through Discipleship"
 - The Strategy:** Win, Connect, Train, Send
 - Our Motivation:** "Living on the Line - seeing life from an eternal perspective."