



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of March 1, 2026

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Ruth 4:13-17 Love Celebrates

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷ And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

- 1.) In the birth of Obed, the women of Bethlehem praise the LORD. What qualities of the LORD do they see? What blessings do they receive from the LORD?
- 2.) The focus of this account is Naomi, not Ruth or Boaz. How had the widow Naomi previously struggled (cf. [Ruth 1:20-21](#))? What must be going on in her soul at this point in the story?
- 3.) Naomi is a witness to the wondrous truth that "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." ([Psalm 34:18](#)). How are you like Naomi? How does the mercy of God compel you these days?
- 4.) We also have been given a Son in Jesus Christ. Seeing the Son produces God's praise through His people. What qualities of the LORD have you seen lately? What blessings are you receiving from the LORD?
- 5.) At the close of each worship service, we sing the *Doxology* and receive the LORD's *Benediction*. You may want to sing the Doxology below. Take time to thank God for His many blessings in your life and for what they tell us about His character and purposes. Also ask Him for the blessings that are needed.

Doxology is a word derived from two Greek words meaning "glory" and "word." A doxology is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. The doxology we sing at WEPC calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

Benediction is a word derived from two Latin words meaning "well" and "to speak". A benediction is a short invocation for the Triune God's gifts of love, grace, and peace. God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

Doxology

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD" Psalm 150:6
Thomas Ken (1709); Tune: Bourgeois (1551)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.



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