

CONNECT

Is there someone outside your family you consider to be like family? What puts them in that category for you?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Ruth 1: 3-17

- Here, we see love shown both in obedience (Orpah) and disobedience (Ruth). How are these three showing love?
- The commitment Ruth makes is in the name of YHWH (the great I AM). What does this tell us about Ruth? What difference might this have made to Naomi?

Read Leviticus 23:22 and Deut 24:17-22

- What does this command of God tell us about him?

Read Ruth 2:2-3

- What do we learn about Ruth and Boaz in that this is something she knows to look for and that he expects to provide?

Read Ruth 2:4-16

- What do we learn about Boaz in these verses? What does verse 12 tell us? How does he show selfless love?

Read Ruth 4:9-22

- After Ruth makes it clear to Boaz that she is willing to become his wife, in becoming kinsman-redeemer for them, Boaz will provide for them, yet Ruth's first child will be considered the child of Naomi's son Mahlon. Where do you see sacrificial love here? All are blessed in loving God by offering selfless love for the other.

Read Mark 3:32-35

- What is Jesus teaching us here about who the Lord calls his people?

Are there other things from the sermon you want to discuss?

PRAY

Teach us, Lord, to love you and to love each other the way you have first loved us. Help us love those who are hard for us to love. May your family grow as others see your family resemblance in us.