

# Discussion Guide Part 8

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## The Kinsman Redeemer



1. Read [Ruth 2:20](#)
  
2. The word translated is the Hebrew word pronounced ‘gaw·al’ Strong’s concordance defines it “to redeem”, “to avenge”, to do the part of a next of kin, etc.<sup>1</sup> What are some of the things you would expect from a kind, protective family member? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. This is the first reference in Ruth to a *kinsman-redeemer*. Notice a few others:
  - [Ru 3:9](#) He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a **close relative** (go'el)."
  - [Ru 3:12](#) "Now it is true I am a **close relative** (go'el); however, there is a **relative closer** (go'el) than I.
  - [Ru 3:13](#) "Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will **redeem** (ga'al) you, good; let him **redeem** (ga'al) you. But if he does not wish to **redeem** (ga'al) you, then I will **redeem** (ga'al) you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until morning."
  - [Ru 4:14](#) Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a **redeemer** (go'el) today, and may his name become famous in Israel.
  
4. The Mosaic Law prescribed certain things. Can you identify them?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Lev 25: 25– 30; cf. Jer 32: 6– 15).
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Lev 25: 47– 55).

<sup>1</sup> Strong, J. (1995). [Enhanced Strong's Lexicon](#). Woodside Bible Fellowship.

- c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Nu 35: 12,  
 19– 27; Dt 19: 6, 12; Jos 20: 2– 3, 5, 9),
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ (Nu 5: 8)
- e. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 19:  
 25; Ps 119: 154; Pr 23: 11; Jer 50: 34; La 3: 58).

5. God is described in the Old Testament as the rescuer of Israel from Egyptian slavery (Exo 6: 6 [“will redeem”]; 15: 13 [“ have redeemed”]) and Babylonian exile (Isa 43: 1, 14 [“ have redeemed” and “Redeemer,” respectively]). Human examples of a kinsman-redeemer and God’s treatment of Israel, both anticipate the work of Christ who is our Kinsman-Redeemer. Describe what Jesus did in these passages:

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (1 Pet. 1:18,19; Titus 2:14; Matt. 20:28)

b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (Psalm 34:22; 1 Peter 1:18,19; Gal. 3:13; Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:7)

c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2 Thessalonians 1:3-12).

d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Ephesians 5:20ff).

6. In the story of Ruth, we see a beautiful picture of the needy person, unable to rescue herself, requesting of the kinsman-redeemer that he cover her with his protection, redeem her, and make her his wife. In the same way, the Lord Jesus Christ bought us for Himself, out of the curse, out of our destitution; made us His own beloved bride; and blessed us for all generations. How does your testimony reflect a similar story and the same hope? \_\_\_\_\_

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