

## **Ruth 4 – For unto us a child is born**

**Big Idea:** Joy, blessing and future hope are won through redemption.

**Aim:** Rejoice that we have joy, blessing and future hope through Jesus our redeemer.

1. The sacrificial loyalty of the redeemer (vv. 1-12)
2. The life-giving power of the redeemer (vv. 13-17)
3. The future hope of a redeemer (vv. 18-22)

*Questions for us:* How do you know someone loves you? What's the difference between Mr So and So and Boaz's attitudes to Ruth and Naomi? How does Boaz's love point us to Jesus' love for us? How should we respond having seen Jesus sacrificial love for us?

The birth of Obed transformed Naomi from bitterness to joy. How does Jesus, as our redeemer, bring new joy to us? How might knowing Jesus better bring us joy even when our bitterness is deep rooted?

The genealogy at the end of Ruth connects Boaz and Obed to King David and ultimately to Jesus. How does this show God's sovereignty in history? How can we live with confidence knowing that God is orchestrating our story for his glory and our good? How can that be a comfort in difficult times?