

IMPACT GROUPS

Week #1: Apr. 9 - Apr. 12, 2019

"The Jesus Trip"

Sermon Date: April 6/7, 2019

Link to sermon:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/livestreamarchives/>



Ice Breaker:

Tell everyone two truths and one lie about yourself and see if we can guess the lie. *BUT*, details have to be from the last year of your life.

Interesting Facts:

Ruth was a Moabite woman who would later give birth to Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of king David. Ruth was in Jesus' family tree even though Moabite women were typically depicted in the Bible as immoral (Genesis 19:30-38, Numbers 25:1-3).

The irony behind the famine that caused Naomi's flight to Moab was that it happened in Bethlehem, translated from Hebrew as "the place of bread." (בֵּית לֶחֶם)

By most accounts Ruth is a well written book, written in the style of a short story, in what has been described as elegant Hebrew prose. It's not polemic, but rather communicates themes and messages through storytelling.

Some of the themes and messages interwoven in the book, beyond redemption, are the gracious treatment of foreigners, generosity, love for family, and loyalty.

The kinsmen-redeemer is a significant figure in this book. You can read about this figure in Deuteronomy 25:5-10 and Leviticus 25:23-28.

Fun fact: After reading Ruth, you will have read **7,129 verses** and **236 chapters**. Great job! Only **953 chapters** and **24,044 verses to go!**¹

¹ <https://www.neverthirsty.org/bible-qa/qa-archives/question/how-many-chapters-verses-and-words-are-in-the-bible/>.

Link to weekly reading guide:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

Discussion Questions

1. Both Naomi and Ruth experienced moving to a new place with a new culture. Have you ever moved somewhere new (new city, country, church)? What was it like? What did you do to settle in, meet people, adjust? Was it easy, hard?
2. Naomi experienced tragedy and difficulty. This affected both her view of God and her own identity (Ruth 1:13, 21). How did her view of God and herself change? When difficulty comes how do we view God, ourselves? What lens do we use to interpret life's difficult moments?
3. What is gleaning? How did it benefit Ruth and Naomi and how does the concept behind gleaning work in our lives?
4. How did the kinsmen-redeemer provision in the law work? Why do you think this provision was made. (see Deut. 25:5-10 and Lev. 25:23-28)
5. How do you see Jesus in the actions of Boaz, the kinsmen-redeemer?
6. What is redemption? How were we redeemed? What are we redeemed from / redeemed to? What does redemption mean to us / for us?
7. What can we learn about the heart of God when we consider that Ruth was a Moabite, a Gentile, yet she was part of Jesus' family tree.
8. What else have you read this week that has either shown you Jesus, surprised you, or challenged you?
9. What are you most looking forward to about this semester of groups?

What's Going on At Impact Church

* Sat. Apr. 13. 10AM - Spring Clean Up at the Church.

* Sun. Apr. 14 - After service Impact Family Group Movie Day.

* Apr. 19 - Good Friday B'fast and Service 10AM. **No Service Sat. Apr. 20.**

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