

Sermon Notes

"Ruth's Pledge of Allegiance"

Ruth 1:6-18

August 11, 2024

5. Even though the term *kheshed* isn't used in Ruth's pledge, how is it illustrated by the commitment she makes? Or, another way of asking, where do you see Ruth demonstrating "loyal love"?
6. How would you describe this commitment by Ruth?
 - a. What relationships in your life are marked by a similar verbal commitment?
 - b. Do you need to renew yourself to carrying out those commitments? How so?
 - c. Are there any other relationships without such a verbal commitment where it would be appropriate to enter into such a one?
7. Read the following verses and consider: How has Christ entered into a similar commitment with his people?

Matt. 28:20

John 10:28

Romans 8:38-39

How does his loyal love reassure you that he will keep these promises? What difference does that make in your daily life?

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 08-11-2024

Getting Started:

1. List some examples of verbal commitments. Are some considered “stronger” or “more certain” than others? What makes the difference?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ruth 1:6-18.

2. What clues do you find to the nature of the relationship between Naomi and her daughters-in-law? That is, is it a warm, friendly relationship, or cold, distant relationship? What in the text helps you answer?
3. The story is told in a way that sets Ruth’s decision and action against the backdrop of Orpah’s. Contrast the two.
4. What do you learn about loyal love (Heb. *khesed*) from its usage in the following texts?

Genesis 32:10

Exodus 34:6-7.

Numbers 14:18-19

Deuteronomy 7:12

Judges 2:12-14

Psalms 63:3; 69:16; 86:5; 100:5

Micah 7:18-20