Small Group Discussion Notes
Ruth: Faithful Love
Week 4
To Bear Witness
March 2, 2025

Warm Up
If you have been summoned for jury duty share if you enjoyed the experience or not. If you have not been summoned would you like to serve in that capacity at some point?

Digging Deeper
What takeaways did you have from Sunday's sermon?

Read Ruth 4:1-12

What does Boaz's initiative to seek out the guardian-redeemer who is first in line say about how Boaz views the importance of this situation and his role in it?

How would you respond if you were the person Boaz was waiting to meet with, alongside 10 local leaders? Would you be receptive, scared, curious, etc.?

How do you feel about the first guardian-redeemer's response to learning about Ruth and his responsibility to marry her?

Do a quick search and see what else you can learn about the custom of giving a sandal as an act of finalizing a legal transaction.

What reflections do you have on the response of the elders and people at the gate in verses 11 and 12? Does it surprise you at all that they are so favorable to Boaz marrying Ruth?

Next Steps
The elders are witnesses to a significant (redeeming) event and have a responsibility to be truthful regarding what they have witnessed. What responsibility do followers of Jesus have to bear witness to the significant redeeming work done in our lives through Jesus?

What verses can you think of or find that speak to this responsibility?

What are the biggest obstacles to bearing witness to what we have seen of God at work in our lives? How do we overcome these obstacles?

Who is someone in your life that you feel the Lord might be leading you to bear witness to?

Final Thoughts
As a group, pray for opportunities to bear witness to the redeeming work of God in your life with family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.