

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

### **No Coincidences**

Ruth 4:1-22

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In *not* redeeming Ruth and Naomi's inheritance, was the nearer kinsman redeemer foolish, selfish, shrewd, something else?

Boaz did not *become* a man of character in the unfolding moments of the story, he already *was* a man of character.

What is the lesson in this?

"The Lord enabled her to conceive" (v. 13). The supernatural in the natural. What are some ways you need to be reminded to see all of life through this lens?

What is providence? Share one specific way you can articulate the providence of God in your life?

What lacking in our life and witness as a Christian if we speak in terms of coincidence rather than providence?

Why would some people say that this story is more about Naomi than it is about Ruth?

Jesus is surprisingly in the lineage of Ruth. What are some other ways that Jesus manifests himself in this story?

What are some things you've learned about Ruth that you didn't know before this sermon series?

What are some questions from the book that you are wrestling with?

What have you learned from Ruth about the work of Jesus in your life?