

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for November 27, 2022

Sermon Notes

The Promised King In the Book of Ruth Covenant Love in the Midst of Chaos Ruth 1

The Bible is God's story. It is the revealed account of creation, fall, redemption and ultimately, re-creation, uniting all things in the new heaven and new earth under the Jesus the King. From Genesis to Revelation God is at work bringing this about. God is working to this end even in the worst of times. This is what we see in the book of Ruth.

In 1773 William Cowper, following one of his many bouts of severe depression, wrote the hymn *God Moves In a Mysterious Way*. One verse of the hymn says:

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face.

As we begin the Advent season, we read about and celebrate the covenant faithfulness of God as he moves in a mysterious way to bring about the rule and reign of The Promised King. That is what we see unfolding in the beautiful little book of Ruth. Ruth is about the coming Messiah. This is not just any story about a woman finding a husband or a widow finding a family. We find out at the end of the book that Ruth's descendants will be kings of Israel. She is part of the royal line that eventually leads to Jesus.

Scene One: Misery and Emptiness (Ruth1:1-5)

Judgment and famine

Flight and Loss

Scene Two: God's visitation and Ruth's Devotion (Ruth 1:6-18)

The Movement of God

A Logical Appeal

A Decision

Scene Three: A Bitter Heart and the Barley Harvest (Ruth 1:19-22)

Back Home

A Bitter Heart

The Harvest

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

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| I never knew... | I was reminded... | A question I still have... |
| I was challenged... | I was convicted... | A truth I could share... |
| I was encouraged to... | | I need to dig deeper into... |

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

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| Is there a command to obey? | Am I convicted to confess any sin? |
| How am I compelled to exalt God? | Is there a sin to avoid? |
| Is there a promise to claim? | How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel? |
| Is there a principle to follow? | How can I pray for someone else? |
| Is there an example to follow? | What am I compelled to love or desire? |

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

Life Group Soup Night

**Wednesday, November 30 @ 6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center**



**All Life Groups will meet together in the Family Life Center on
Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite soup to
share with your church family. If you are not involved in a Life Group,
this would be a GREAT way to learn more about our Life Groups and find
the one that is right for you and your family. (Kids in the Star Search
program will have a full dress rehearsal at 6:30p.m. in the worship
center. Be sure they go through the dinner line first.)**

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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Upcoming Events

November
27 Christmas Decorating after service
30 Life Group Soup Night @ 6pm
December
3 Leaf Cleanup
3 Women's Ministry Event @ 5p.m.
4 Kid's Christmas Program @ 6p.m.
7 Member's Business Meeting @ 6:30p.m.
12 GS: Surviving the Holidays @ 6:30p.m.
21 Christmas Caroling @ 6p.m.