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- What laws and customs are behind the interactions between Boaz and the others at the Bethlehem gate? (*If you have time, review Leviticus* 25:23-43 and *Deuteronomy* 25:5-10.) What does this reveal about God's view of the land and of families?
- What may have motivated the nearer guardian-redeemer to make his initial declaration and then change his mind? In contrast, what is motivating Boaz?
- What evidence do you see that Ruth's bold promise to Naomi (1:16-17) is being fulfilled? How is Ruth being blessed? How has Naomi's life changed?
- Where do you see the LORD God working in this final act of the story?
- To whom are Boaz and Ruth connected in the concluding genealogy? *Read Matthew 1:1-17*. What other significant names appear in this family's extended tree? What lessons can we learn from this?
- Given who Boaz's mother was, how might this have influenced his view of Ruth and his responsibility toward her?
- How does God's work of redemption through Boaz mirror what God has done for you in Jesus Christ? How is Jesus like a guardian-redeemer for us?
- The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer" (4:14). Conclude your study by praising God for the redemption you've received through Christ.

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