

Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Betsy

Tuesday, June 30

Ruth Chapter 4

Introductions

1. Share your name
2. How you are doing?
3. What do you know about your family tree? Have you done any genealogy work on your family?

Opening Prayer

Read Ruth Chapter 4

Discussion:

- What stood out to you in the story?
- Ruth and Boaz have a son Obed and he has a son Jesse and he has a son David. (verse 17). Ruth is named in the genealogy of Jesus. Look at Matthew 1:1-17.
- Why is lineage so important in the bible? Is our heritage important to us?
- We don't know who wrote the Book of Ruth. www.enterthebible.org says: "The author might have been a village priest, an elder, a teacher, or a wise woman who told ancestral stories to edify and to inspire the people." What are your thoughts?
- Ruth is the story of an immigrant where she as an outsider is welcomed into her new community. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program that allows "Dreamers" who came to the U.S. as immigrant children to obtain education and work permits in our country. MPR had a recent interview with a young adult who came to the U.S. from Mexico when she was 8. Because of DACA she was able to go to nursing school and is now working in a hospital caring for Covid patients. She is the only Spanish-speaking nurse on their staff. She told of being the only one in the room who could comfort a Spanish-speaking patient who was very nervous about being put on a ventilator. If DACA had been overturned, this nurse would have been vulnerable to deportation. Compare/contrast this story to Ruth's situation.
- Thoughts on the Book of Ruth