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Icebreaker

What are some things that you have been feeling/experiencing during this time of racial unrest?

Spend some time **PRAYING** for our country, our leaders, the black community, and George Floyd's family.

RUTH 2:1-23

The narrator calls Ruth a Moabite several times, reminding the reader of her past. Shame does the same thing in our lives. **What are some things that shame tells us that we are?**

Boaz speaks to Ruth differently. **What does the Gospel say about our identity?**

Verse 20

'Kindness' (*hesed*) here means covenant love or loving-kindness. **What is the significance of a covenant in the Old Testament?**

'Redeemer' (*goel*) means kinsman redeemer. This refers back to laws in Leviticus and Deuteronomy. If a member of your family got sold into slavery, it was the kinsman redeemer's responsibility to buy that person out of slavery. To redeem them. If a member of your family was treated unjustly, it was the kinsman redeemer's responsibility to exact justice for that family member.

How does this story of a 'kinsman redeemer' speak into our lives?

Boaz is a godly man. He is a man of generous grace, courageous strength, and tender inclusion. **How does masculinity, both biblical and toxic, impact people, culture, etc.?**

Ruth's hope is not in Biblical masculinity. **What is Ruth's hope in?**

Reflection: (MEN) Where do you need to extend generous grace this week? Where do you need to live out of courageous strength this week? Where do you need to be a man of tender inclusion this week?

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Have a time of **sharing**. (i.e. Share highs/lows in this season, needs in your home/community, etc.)