



Order of Worship 24 September 2023 Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship

We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon Series: The Bachlorette Sermon: "Episode 3 - Table Blessings"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit <u>tablelifechurch.org</u>.

Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- What part of this message resonates the most with you? What is your understanding of what it means to be "redeemed?"
- 2. What invitation have you been declining that God may be nudging you to accept? Do you see yourself as adopted into the Family of God? If not, what would it look like for you to come to God's Table and accept his invitation of grace fully and completely?
- 3. Have you ever felt like an outsider? How has that experienced shaped how you treat others?
- 4. Is it difficult for you to receive grace? Love? Help? Why is receiving an important part of being redeemed?
- 5. Is there a Naomi in your life with whom God is calling you to share a blessing you've received? Is there someone in your life who is in need of a literal invitation to a meal at your table?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444

The Bachelorette "Episode #3– Table Blessings" Pastor Kris Beckert

What is a favorite memory that took place around a table?

The Book of Ruth is a story of _____

- "To redeem"—
- We see _____ in the story
- We see _____ behind the scenes

Ruth 2:3 And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech.

The Process of Redemption:

1. _____ to the Table

Ruth 2:14 At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar." When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over.

- Two shocking aspects:
 - 1. Boaz ______ Ruth, the outsider
 - 2. Boaz _____ Ruth, the outsider
- Why does he do this?

Matthew 1:4-5 ...Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ Salmon the father of **Boaz**, whose mother was Rahab...

2. _____ from the Table

Ruth 2:15-17 As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. ¹⁶ Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her." ¹⁷ So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah.

- Ruth didn't ______ the blessing
- Ruth had to ______ the blessing
- Ruth both _____ and _____
- ephah—

Ruth 1:8-9 May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹ May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

3. _____what you received from the Table

Ruth 2:18-20 She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough. ¹⁹ Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!" Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz," she said. ²⁰ "The Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law.

• _____ is restored from "Bitter" to "Sweet" and hopeless to hopeful

Ruth 2:20 "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsman-redeemers."

• Kinsman-redeemer—

Big Idea: _____