

CELL NOTES
For Dave Day's talk on 16 December 2007
KINGDOM THEMES IN THE BOOK OF RUTH

1. Law and Grace

Grace is the favour of God for those who would be outside the legal requirements

2. Covenant

An agreement with God for His people, it is always communal

3. Commitment

Our discipleship is determined by our choices, our choices are determined by our commitment

4. Covering and Accountability

The protection afforded by God for and through His people

5. Submission and Authority

A lifestyle designed for growth and effectiveness not repression

6. Redemption

The buying back of an individual, society and world by the one who has the right to do so

QUESTIONS

- Is the Book of Ruth still relevant to BCF today?
- If so, which aspects are most relevant?
- Are there any themes from the book that have surprised you because you have never noticed them before?
- How relevant is the commitment that Ruth made to Naomi to us today? Should we pursue that depth of relationship with people in the church?
- Have you any experience of circumstances that have made you feel bitter that have turned around and you have been able to look back and see God's kindness?

What does being redeemed mean to you?