Historic White Marsh Church

August 11, 2024

Prelude

Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 210 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn ~ 208 Let the Redeemed

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:16

Pastor Wes

Prayer

Hymn ~ 593 Where He Leads

Special Music Just as I Am Choir

Sermon: "Lessons from the Book of Ruth" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 456 Find Us Faithful

Benediction & Postlude

Tithes & Offerings: Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

Membership: If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall or Rev. Brad Perry.

Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible-believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Sunday, August 18: Friendship Fellowship will follow the worship service next Sunday. You are invited!

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Alabaster Grace Ministries (757) 532-0302 Website: <u>alabastergraceministries.org</u> Sundays with Alabaster Grace on 101.7 Bay FM Sundays 9:15-9:30 AM

Sunday: Bible Explorers Class at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

Lessons From the Book of Ruth

God has a plan of redemption that includes Jews and Gentiles. He keeps His commitments and expects us to keep ours. Kindness is paramount to success in relationships.

Outline of the Book of Ruth

Chapter 1: Love's Resolve Chapter 2: Love's Response Chapter 3: Love's Request Chapter 4: Love's Reward

1. Value Relationships and Faith: Ruth and Naomi's story shows us the value of relationships and the power of faith, priorities that we are to also value and exercise.

2. Serve and Glorify God: When Naomi lost her husband and sons, she stayed fast to the Lord (Ruth 1:6-9). We are to always stay focused on serving and glorifying God in everything.

3. Keep Commitments: God keeps His commitments, and He expects us to keep ours. Ruth's commitment to Naomi played a key role in establishing the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

4. Show Kindness: Kindness is the key to successful relationships. It is our inward character that attracts people to Christ.

5. Stay Focused on God: The Book of Ruth is a great example of God's promise to be with you in everything you face. Stay focused on Him, and He will take the ordinary events of your life and arrange them to produce extraordinary results.

Study Questions for Thursday Bible Study

1. Read Ruth 1:6-14. How would you describe Ruth to someone who had never heard of her?

2. Ruth expressed her commitment to Naomi and to God. In doing so, she distanced herself from the gods of her past. From what "gods" of the past do you need to be separated?

3. Naomi's faith obviously influenced Ruth. How does your faith affect other people? Do you encourage people toward God or away from Him? Explain. 4. Boaz paid a price to redeem Ruth. How did this change Ruth's perception of her value? What is your value to God based on the price He paid to redeem you?

5. Have you experienced the providential hand of God in your life, helping you to avert disaster, as Ruth experienced through her support of Naomi?6. How is God's providential promise in Romans 8:28 played out through the lives of Naomi and Ruth?