

Ruth

Week 6: You Comfort and Challenge | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Sermon Questions for 4.3.2022

Opener

When was a time that you felt challenged or comforted in a positive way? What was it about what was said to you that was effective?

Read

Ruth 3:9; Ezekiel 16:8-14; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 9:15; Ruth 3:18; John 17:4, 19:30; Ephesians 4:30; Romans 8:23; Philippians 3:20-21

Main Points

1. Two comforts and a challenge:
 1. Jesus has mediated a better covenant for us.
 - While, in the old covenant, grace initiates and work maintains, in the new covenant, Grace initiates and Grace maintains.
 - We are not in a contract relationship with God, we are in a covenant relationship with him. We are not God's contract people, are are God's covenant people.
 2. Jesus will not rest until the fullness of our redemption.
 - We wait eagerly through the worst of times, because the best of times is yet to come.
 3. Jesus is pursuing the other in your life.
 - Enlarge your circle to pursue the other - our church rooms will change when our living rooms change and we broaden our circle to people different than us.

Engage with God in a Group

- Knowing that Grace initiates and maintains our relationship with God, how have you experienced joy, freedom, and victory with him?
- What thoughts go through your mind when you think of enlarging your circle and inviting people different from you into your life?
- When have you felt most comforted in your faith? When have you felt most challenged?

Bottom Line

The two comforts give us security and endurance, the challenge gives us purpose.