

Saturday & Sunday, February 24 & 25, 2018 - "Risk - Week 2 - Hesed Radical Love" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Ruth 1:6-22, 2 Chronicles 15:3-7, Romans 1:21, 28-31

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- We can observe and learn from a story and the story of Ruth is packed full of application
- Context/History
  - Time of the Judges (After Joshua died until Saul was made king)
  - A cycle of: people wander away from God → some sort of crisis → they turn back to God (normally aided by one of the judges)
  - People did what was tight in their own eyes
  - This is not just their journey but our journey too
    - 2 Chronicles 15:3-7, Romans 1:21, 28-31
    - When we take God out of the picture violence/evil happen
  - We have a chance to bring God and bring revival into a world that has lost sight of Him
- Ruth 1:6-22
  - Naomi lived in a society that believed if affliction was happening to you, it was your fault
  - Naomi is hopeless and defeated but she still chasing after God (hearing of God moving and returning home)
- We have to know the WHY before we know that WHAT
  - Why was Ruth written?
  - Genealogy?
  - King David's bloodline?
  - **Ruth was written to give us a portrait of the kind of lifestyle we are called to to live faithfully to God**
- Hesed: Radical, extraordinary, uncommon, unpredictable, reckless love
  - We are called to live a heed sort of lifestyle
    - Orpah did what was safe/right/predictable/ordinary
    - Ruth did what was unsafe/unpredictable/extraordinary
  - Jesus live a heed lifestyle and we are called to do the same
  - We are called to the difficult, unsafe, extraordinary things for others and to the glory of Jesus
  - We don't have to do something "out there"
  - Putting aside our needs for the wants/needs of others
    - In our homes and in our marriages
    - In our neighborhoods and workplaces
- Ruth has a book of the Bible written about her and Orpah we never heard from again
- We are called to do what is uncommon, what is radical, what is unpredictable and sometimes dangerous. We're called to live hesed for God and for others

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Have you ever been in a season where you felt you had wandered away from God or what he wanted you to do? What brought you back and what did you learn in the process?
2. Can you give an example of a time when you were doing what was right in your own eyes and God made it clear to you? How did God teach you in that time?
3. How are you doing in showing hesed to others? Where is God calling you to step out in radical/unpredictable/uncommon ways?
4. When was time you did something extraordinary or out of the norm for someone else? What happened/what was it like?
5. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Tues: Psalm 22:23-31 Wed: Romans 4:13-25 Thurs: Mark 8:31-38 Fri: Mark 9:2-9

Worship Set from this weekend:

1) "Praises (Be Lifted Up)" - Bethel Music 2) "Alpha & Omega" - Israel Houghton 3) "Psalm 23" - John Halpin 4) "Let It Rain" - Jesus Culture 5) "No Longer Slaves" - Bethel Music 6) "Set A Fire" - Will Reagan & United Pursuit