





# Strength for the Journey

## “God’s Heart in Our Hands”

Ruth 4



Notes:

3. Have someone read Luke 7:18-22 out loud. What does this tell us about Jesus’ credentials of messiahship and, in turn, about God’s heart for rescue?

4. Joe shares about Arloa Sutter and Breakthrough Urban Ministries in Chicago. Are you aware of a similar frontline rescue ministry? How are you involved (or how could you get involved)?

5. Have a group member read Matthew 22:34-40 aloud. Do you tend to try to separate these two commandments by emphasizing one but not the other?

Dotted lines for taking notes.

### **Digging Deeper:**

If your group has enough time (i.e., you’ve listened to the audio on your own), answer one or more of these optional questions.

1. To what extent can you identify with the disciples (in John 9), who saw a blind man and became curious about why he was born blind—whereas Jesus saw an opportunity for rescue?

2. Ask a volunteer to read Isaiah 58 out loud. What was the difference between the Israelites’ perspective on fasting and God’s perspective?

3. Have one person read Ezekiel 16:49-50 aloud. How does this passage compare to how we typically think of Sodom and the reason it was judged?

### **Strength through Sharing:**

1. What holds you back from being willing to be a rescuer in your world and allowing God to use you to bless people?

2. Read the “Call to Action” below. Like the previous segment, the challenge is to reach out to one person with God’s love. Have you identified that person? How have you loved (or how could you love) that person as you love yourself?

