

ICE BREAKER:

Take turns to share a fond memory from childhood, also any unique challenge from your childhood (if people don't want to share that's totally fine)

We have a LG Sunday coming up on March 15th, this is to promote and share the benefits of sharing life together as we follow Jesus. We will have some testimonies from members and leaders about the benefits of LG. Would any members / leaders like to share (a few minutes) with the church the benefits of Life Group?

ENCOUNTER:

Praying for big things like the world, suffering and poverty can be overwhelming but we know prayer changes things. Take time to pray for the work of Tearfund trying to end poverty. Pray for their work all over the globe

A thought from the Tearfund website:

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)"

We live in a world of abundance and beauty. A world we were created to look after, and that brings us to life. Yet it's a world under threat. As we become more and more disconnected from creation, we lose our connection to ourselves, and, ultimately, with our creator."

Let your LG know you can sign up for Tearfunds prayer updates here:

https://www.tearfund.org/about_you/pray/

FOCUS: Tearfund – Ruth 2:1-9

Ruth Works in Boaz's Field

2 Now there was a wealthy and influential man in Bethlehem named Boaz, who was a relative of Naomi's husband, Elimelech.

²One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it."

Naomi replied, "All right, my daughter, go ahead." ³ So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech.

⁴ While she was there, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters.

"The LORD be with you!" he said.

"The LORD bless you!" the harvesters replied.

⁵ Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?"

⁶ And the foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. ⁷ She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since, except for a few minutes' rest in the shelter."

⁸ Boaz went over and said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don't go to any other fields. Stay right behind the young women working in my field. ⁹ See which part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them. I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well."

Q1: 'Following Jesus where the need is greatest.'

Share what you find inspirational, challenging, encouraging etc, from Tearfund's vision line

Q2: Have a think about Boaz's field in Ruth 2.

What's your field? (Time energy, money, resources, gifts, skills, position)

Like Ruth came into Boaz's field and he was gracious to her. Have a think about who might be in your field that you'd be able to show Gods grace to.

Q3: What things make it a challenge to – metaphorically - leave some barley for others to glean? Leaving time, energy, resources for others who are in need. Not having to use all we have.

Q4: Share a time when someone has been a Boaz to you, showing you love and grace in your time of need?

ACTIVATION:

God uses small acts of faithfulness for His great purposes. What small thing can we do this week, to share Gods goodness and hope with others. Share some ideas with each other and follow up through the week.