THE CROWN OF MERCY:
GOD'S PURPOSES IN THIS WORLD

Ruth 4:13-22

One of the great diseases of our day is triviality. The things with which most people spend most of their time are utterly trivial. And what makes this a disease is that we who were created in the image of God were meant to live for magnificent causes. None of us is really content with the trivial pursuits of the world. Our souls will not be satisfied with trifles.... It is madness, sheer madness, that insignificant games should occupy such a central role in our culture. It is simply one of many signs that we are enslaved to trivialities.... The book of Ruth wants to teach us that God's purpose for the life of his people is to connect us to something far greater than ourselves. God wants us to know that when we follow him our lives always mean more than we think they do. For the Christian there is always a connection between the ordinary events of life and the stupendous work of God in history.

John Piper, "Ruth: The Best is Yet to Come"

I. **KING (18-22):** The Book of Ruth is ultimately about God the King.

II. **KINGDOM (13-14, 18-22):** As a result, the book reveals to us more about His Kingdom.

III. **KINGDOM LIFE (18-22, GAL 4:4):** We are called to live as citizens of His Kingdom.