



Connection Group Participant Guide Oct 4, 2020

Ruth 3 and 4

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Key Principles

Godly character is evident in ungodly settings. The godly character of both Ruth and Boaz is dramatically displayed in a rather compromising situation.

Highlight

How has Naomi's attitude changed since chapter one where she despaired of Ruth ever getting married again? Why do you think her attitude has changed?

Explain

People often wonder how much they should do to make something happen and how much they should let God do. How does Ruth 3 give us insight into answering this question?

Apply

Ruth took a risk. She took a step of faith to do what she felt like God is leading her to do. Where do you feel God is calling you to take a risk and step out in faith?

Respond in Prayer

We encourage you to set aside time to pray over what God has shown you in His Word. Read through Psalm 1 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

- Adoration: Give God praise for the things that you see in this passage.
- Confession: Ask God to forgive you for the times you "walk in the counsel of the wicked."
- Thanksgiving: Thank God for opportunities He gives you to display righteousness.
- Supplication: Ask God to lead you to a fuller understanding of how to obey Him completely in word and deed.



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Key Principles

Just as God brought fullness and hope to Naomi through the selfless work of Boaz expressed in his willingness to assume the role of family-redeemer, so also we are brought to fullness and hope through our family-Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Highlight

Can you list off all the ways the characters in this story have shown kindness to one another?

Explain

When Ruth's closest relative refuses to bring Naomi and Ruth into his household, he removes his sandal and gives it to Boaz. (See Ruth 4:8) What do you think might be going on here? (Hint: Read Deut. 25:5-10)

Apply

What have you learned about God from reading the Book of Ruth? What have you learned about your own life from reading the Book of Ruth?

Respond in Prayer

We encourage you to set aside time to pray over what God has shown you in His Word. Read through Ephesians 5:22-6:4. and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

- Adoration: How have you grown to adore God more in this study?
- Confession: What sin do you need to confess that has been exposed during this study?
- Thanksgiving: What can you thank God for from the last four weeks?
- Supplication: Who do you need to pray for in light of this study?