



## Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on April 30th, 2023

### **Ruth 3: 1-18 (NASB)**

3 Then her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may go well for you? 2 Now then, is Boaz not our relative, with whose young women you were? Behold, he is winnowing barley at the threshing floor tonight. 3 Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not reveal yourself to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 And it shall be when he lies down, that you shall take notice of the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you should do." 5 And she said to her, "All that you say I will do."

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her. 7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down. 8 And it happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet. 9 So he said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your slave. Now spread your garment over your slave, for you are a redeemer." 10 Then he said, "May you be blessed of the Lord, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first, by not going after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 So now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you say, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence. 12 But now, although it is true that I am a redeemer, yet there is also a redeemer more closely related than I. 13 Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the Lord lives. Lie down until morning."

14 So she lay at his feet until morning, and got up before one person could recognize another; and he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." 15 Again he said, "Give me the shawl that is on you and hold it." So she held it, and he measured six measures of barley and laid it on her. Then she went into the city. 16 When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done for her. 17 She also said, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said, 'Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" 18 Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today."

## DIGGING DEEPER

Take 3-5 minutes and tell us about who is in your family.

Which family member would you say is the most loving?

### **Read Ruth 3:1-5**

How is Naomi showing Ruth love in these verses?

While weird to us, this custom was a way for Ruth to show Boaz that he could be their kinsman-redeemer. Does our culture take care of family this way? Why or why not?

How should Christ-followers look after the family?

### **Read Ruth 3:6-9**

Did Ruth do everything that Naomi told her to?

### **Read Ruth 3:10-14**

Boaz says some amazing things about Ruth in these verses. What are they?

## DIGGING DEEPER

Ruth is called a “woman of excellence.” How can you and I be people of excellence?

### **Read Ruth 3:15-18**

How is Boaz showing Ruth and Naomi love in these verses?

How can you show others the kind of love described in today’s verses?

## TAKING IT HOME

## PRAYER REQUEST

