



## “The Protocols of Favor” HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of May 17, 2026

### 1 Let's Talk & Pray

What's the funniest or most awkward time you accidentally broke an unspoken "protocol" or social rule? After everyone shares, pray together for your study

### 2 Let's Review the Main Idea

In Ruth 3, Naomi teaches Ruth how to approach her next season with wisdom, humility, timing, and honor. Ruth's life was changing—from loss to favor, from lack to provision, from isolation to covering—but there was a protocol she needed to follow. Every new season has new ways - a new vocabulary, new responsibilities, and new ways of walking.

Favor is not random. God often works through proximity, mentorship, honor, patience, and obedience. Ruth listened, prepared herself, showed restraint, honored instruction, and waited for the right timing. Because of that, her obedience positioned her for a future bigger than she could imagine—even becoming part of the bloodline of the Messiah.

### 3 Let's Read the Word

Ruth 3:1-13; Proverbs 3:5,6 ; Isaiah 1:19

### 4 Let's Think

- Why do you think God often works through processes instead of instant results?
- Why is honor so important in relationships and spiritual growth?

### 5 Let's Share

- Have you ever experienced a season where God told you to wait instead of act?
- Who has been a “Naomi” in your life—someone who inspired, imparted to, or protected you?
- What is one area where restraint is difficult for you?
- Have you ever seen honor change a relationship or situation?
- What season do you feel you are currently in right now?

### 6 Let's Grow

- How can you become more teachable in this season?
- Is there an area where God is asking you to practice patience and trust His timing?
- What instructions from God have you already heard but not fully implemented yet?
- What does “positioning yourself for favor” look like practically in your current season?

### 7 Let's Pray

- Pray together to stay the course, honor the process, trust the timing, and to prepare for the next season God has for each person.

#### Upcoming Events at Hope!

May 24 - Graduation Sunday

June 7 - Next Steps

June 8-11 - HY Summer Conference