



Discipleship Guide
Becoming the Answer to Our
Prayers
Ruth 3

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Read Ruth 3

- Naomi takes initiative in Ruth 3:1 by telling Ruth, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for." How does Naomi's active step to find security for Ruth demonstrate her transition from passively praying to actively participating in the answer to her prayers?
- Ruth's actions on the threshing floor were bold and carried significant risk. What does her willingness to "show up" and take a vulnerable step teach us about living out our faith, even in ethically complicated or socially unconventional situations?
- When Ruth says to Boaz, "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family" (Ruth 3:9), she uses the same Hebrew word, *kanaph* (wing), that Boaz used in his blessing in Ruth 2:12. How does Ruth's statement serve as an invitation for Boaz to become the answer to his own prayer for her?
- Think of a prayer you've earnestly prayed. Have you ever felt God inviting you to be part of the answer to that prayer through your actions? What did that look like?
- How do Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz each demonstrate *hesed* (faithful, loyal love in action) in Ruth chapter 3?
- Boaz praises Ruth's last act of loyalty (her proposal) as "greater" than her earlier kindness (Ruth 3:10). In what ways does her commitment to marrying a kinsman-redeemer like Boaz go "beyond the call of duty" and demonstrate a deeper loyalty to Naomi and her family line?
- Boaz sends Ruth home with six measures of barley, a "physical sign of his intention to provide for them." What does this gesture, even before the legal process is complete, communicate about his character and his understanding of "restoration" beyond just romance?
- What "unexpected field" do you sense God asking you to "sow grace in right now," actively becoming refuge, doing justice, or demonstrating *hesed* in a difficult situation?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?