

Small Group Questions:

January 24th, 2021
Pastor Ed "Being Vulnerable"
Ruth 3

1. Ruth went alone at night to the threshing floor, a place where women would not be. How do you think she was feeling when she did this? What does this chapter show you about Ruth's obedience, boldness and vulnerability?
2. Boaz twice refers to Ruth as "my daughter" and blesses her for not choosing to marry a young man. He says this act shows even stronger family loyalty to Naomi. Given what you know about guardian-redeemers, why do you think he says this? What does it say about Boaz that he, knowing laws about guardian-redeemers, chose to wait for Ruth to come to him before acting upon it?
3. Reread verses 3-4. To lie down at someone's feet would be to take the position of a servant, waiting for the command of the master (something Ruth references later). Ruth also waits for Boaz to tell her what to do. She could demand his protection under the law, but instead comes in a posture of humility and servanthood. What do you learn about both Boaz's and Ruth's character from this interaction?
4. The only reference to God is in the blessing and promise Boaz gives. Do you see the action happening in this chapter more of an example of God working, or of people taking matters into their own hands? Why?
5. Ruth showed obedience, boldness, and humility in her actions, and was praised by Boaz for her virtue. What qualities of Ruth do you most see in yourself?
6. Boaz agreed to be the guardian-redeemer, but wanted to make sure he did it legally. Are there times you want something to happen, and work to make it happen even if that means someone else deserving is passed over? What can you learn from Boaz's example?
7. How do you see vulnerability as a powerful tool in Ruth 3?