

Ruth 3

May 7th, 2021

Discussion Questions

Before You Begin: Pray asking God to help you see and hear His word rightly and ask Him to reveal himself to you as you read through the designated chapters this week. Then, read through Ruth 3 and consider the discussion questions as you reflect upon what you read.

1. Ruth was now well known to Boaz. Naomi undertook to follow up on this fact for Ruth's sake. Read Naomi's suggestions in Ruth 3:1-4. What are the meanings of the following phrases or what questions do you have regarding the meaning of the following phrases from **verse 4**? As a group, discuss:

“observe the place where he lies”

“uncover his feet and lie down”

2. Ruth obeyed Naomi (**verse 6**). Boaz awakened and was pleased to find Ruth lying at his feet. After identifying herself to Boaz, what did Ruth specifically ask Boaz to do and why (**verse 9**)?

3. Compare **verse 9** to **Ruth 2:12**. How is the requested action similar to God's act for us in Christ? (For help, see **Ezekiel 16:8** where God speaks of His relationship with Israel and see also what **1 Peter 2:9** says about us!)

4. What was the “first kindness” to which Boaz referred in **verse 10**?

5. According to **verse 12**, before Boaz could redeem Ruth, there was one problem. What was the problem?

6. According to **verses 14 – 17**, how did Boaz demonstrate his integrity and righteous character?

7. After Ruth shared with Naomi all that had happened and the promise Boaz had made to her, what was Naomi's advice to Ruth in **verse 18**?

8. In **verse 3** Naomi counselled Ruth to "go" to the threshing floor to find Boaz, but in **verse 18** Naomi's counsel was to "wait". As it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 "*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*" Some seasons involve a time to act, and some a time to wait. Maybe you are currently in a season of waiting, waiting for God to answer your prayers. What does David say in **Psalms 27:14** about waiting?

When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine.

Ezekiel 16:8