

RUTH Chapter 3 Discussion Questions

In chapter 3 we find that Boaz is a Relative/Kinsman Redeemer who buys back the land which belonged to Elimelech and raises up heirs to continue the family name. He is a type of Christ, the true Kinsman Redeemer. Ruth, the Moabitess, is a picture of the church as the bride of Christ, redeemed by His wonderful grace.

1. Read chapter 3 and write a brief summary of the events.

2. Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law, was concerned about her 'security'. Why?

**Bonus question: What was Naomi relinquishing by making plans for Ruth?

3. How do we see Naomi's attitude change here in chapter 3?

In previous chapters, she was focused on herself and now we see her looking out for Ruth. What happens when we get our eyes off ourselves and focus on serving others?

4. Naomi mentions Boaz to Ruth, as a relative of Elimelech. What did Naomi hope to accomplish in her instructions to Ruth in verses 3-5?

What does a close relative mean in Hebrew?

5. In all different circumstances that life brings, we find a need to start fresh with the Lord. Read 2 Samuel 12:20 and 2 Corinthians 7:1. What is the significance of the washing and anointing for Ruth?

6. Read the following verses and share how the Lord is our protection.

Psalm 12:5

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Isaiah 41:10

Psalm 32:7 & Psalm 34:19

7. Ruth demonstrates magnificent courage in coming boldly to Boaz, not knowing if he would accept her request. Can you think of a time God asked you to step out boldly for Him?

Let's remember what Ephesians 3:12 says. Read it, write it and keep it close to your heart.

8. Ruth obeyed Naomi—but in all her instructions or partially?

Do you find yourself obeying the Lord in all things or just in what seems good to you?

What does Deuteronomy 28:1-3 tell us about obedience?

9. Boaz was celebrating the end of barley harvest when Ruth went to see him. State the significance of Ruth uncovering Boaz' feet.

Reread Ruth 2:12 and Psalm 91:4. How is the Lord a covering for us?

What Ruth did might seem a little different to us, but culturally it was an accepted practice in that day. There was nothing evil or suggestive about it. See Ezekiel 16:8

10. What did Boaz say about the character of Ruth?

Did others know who Ruth was?

Personal ~ We all desire for others to see the qualities of God in our life - the fruit. Ask the Lord to personally show you what He wants you to change, in order to deepen your relationship with your Savior.

Boaz commended Ruth for her loyalty and kindness, referring that her personal devotion to him was better than her leaving home and family to be with Naomi.

11. Write what these verses tell us about being virtuous.

Proverbs 31:10

2 Peter 1:5-8

12. The Law of the Israelites had certain requirements stated in Deuteronomy 25:5-10. Read these verses and explain how this relates to Ruth going to Boaz.

What was the possible legal complications with Ruth's request?

Boaz addressed Ruth as 'my daughter' in verse 10. What a beautiful picture that is of Christ and how He calls us His daughters! Just as Boaz was a kinsman redeemer to Ruth and desired a closer relationship with her, our Heavenly Father not only wants to redeem us but wants a close relationship with us.

He is always there for us; all we need to do is ask and bring our requests to Him, as Ruth does here in verse 9, and He will answer. Is there something you are afraid to bring to Jesus today? Talk to Him.

13. Look up these verses and write out what they say about redemption.

Romans 3:24

1 Corinthians 1:30

Ephesians 1:7

Hebrews 9:12

14. Boaz was gracious in giving far more barley to Ruth that night than she could ever glean in his fields in a day.

The Lord loves to bless His people. Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." How has God blessed you this week? Take a moment right now and thank Him.

15. What can we learn from these three this week?

Naomi

Ruth

Boaz

SIT STILL. Two powerful words that are sometimes hard to do, often the most difficult part of faith—when no more action can be taken and nothing remains but to wait patiently for God to work out His will. Doubts might come and worries might creep in. Look to the scriptures.

16. What do these verses tell us about waiting?

Psalm 37:7

Psalm 40:1

17. Read Ruth 3:18. This is wonderful advice that Naomi gives to Ruth. Are you actively waiting on the Lord, or are you busying yourself as Martha did with good things and neglecting the time to sit at Jesus' feet as Mary did? Read Luke 10:41-42 and note what Jesus tells Martha.

Let's remember to take some time this week and 's i t s t i l l'