

Ruth, Week 4, GDQ, May 12, 2024

Text: Ruth Chapter 3

Context: As we slowly work our way through this beautiful short story, we get a sense that things are beginning to turn in a positive direction for our main characters.

Chapter 1 was all about unexpected and tragic endings and the need to let go of what was. Chapter 2 was about facing the reality of change and learning to embrace it as part of any transition season.

Now in Chapter 3 hope is in the air. The new possibility of a Kinsman Redeemer stepping up to marry Ruth and provide protection, intimacy, and a future generation is unfolding.

But the plan to test these waters required preparation, bold action, and faith. Which is often the case when we choose to love, serve, and follow a God who is on the move!

Going Deeper Questions:

- 1. Spend a few minutes reviewing the story of Ruth so far. What has stood out the most to you? Where are you seeing application for your life? For this church?**
- 2. Once again Naomi is looking out for her daughter-in-law and even develops a detailed plan to help her secure a better future. When has someone done this for you? Who have you helped in this way? (Providing a loving, intentional plan.)**
- 3. Why was it risky for Ruth to carry out the plan? What could have gone sideways?**
- 4. What does Boaz's reaction tell us about his character?**
- 5. How is Jesus our Kinsman-Redeemer?**
- 6. Which of Pastor Wayne's three takeaways resonates with you most deeply? Why?**
 - a. Remember, God is always up to something good.**
 - b. Watch for new possibilities and step into them wisely and boldly.**
 - c. Respond to new opportunities by doing the right thing, the right way**